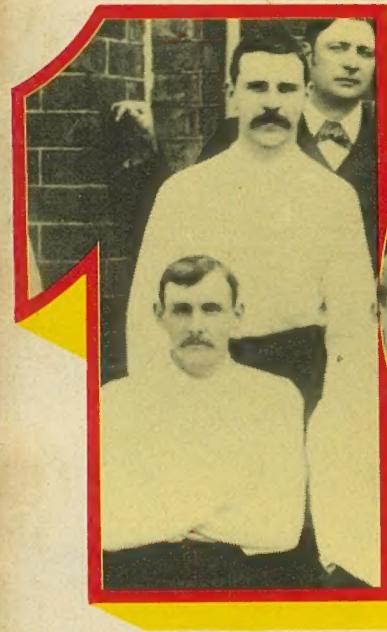


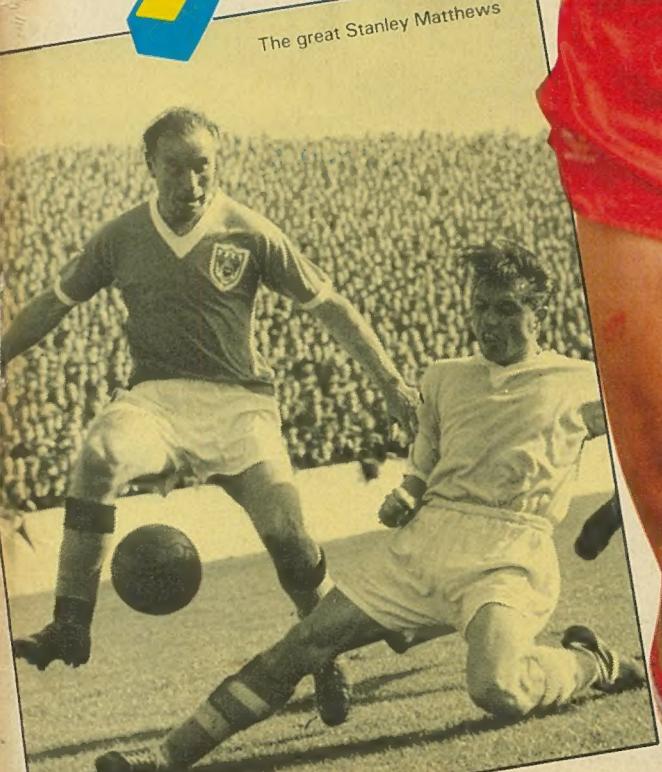
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Glory Years

The great Stanley Matthews



Tottenham's goalscoring machine Jimmy Greaves

England and Manchester United skipper Bryan Robson.

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THE 1987-88 season will be another memorable one, with Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal and Tottenham all determined to hit back at Champions Everton.

But fans of all the 92 clubs can join in the fun as the Football League prepares to celebrate their 100th anniversary.

This SHOOT Special previews that historic event with a nostalgic look back at the players and events that have established our game as the power it is today.

We also look forward to a future which promises to be even more glorious.

England manager Bobby Robson, kicks-off our souvenir of the most exciting and competitive League in the world.

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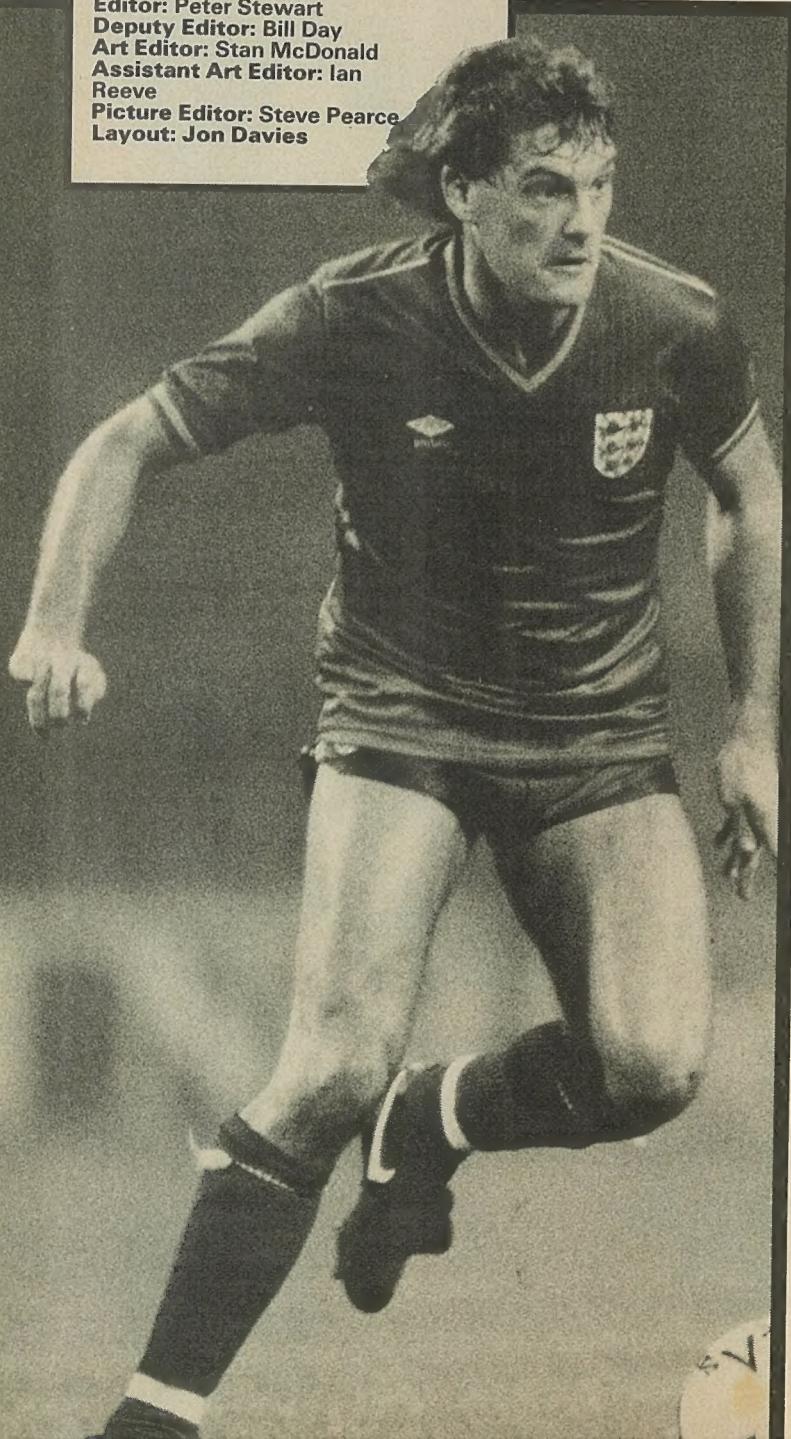
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Better

I want to explode the crazy myth that football today is not as good as it was 30 years ago.

The game today is harder, more competitive, and quicker . . . and players have not lost an ounce of the skill I saw in my own playing days with Fulham, West Bromwich Albion and England.

The major differences in today's game are pace and time. The football is so fast and players are given only a split second to beat an opponent or use the ball. That demands immense skill, just as much and probably more than years ago.

The game has to be more skilful because everybody trains with a ball. In my playing days we were given the ball on Saturdays, the theory being we would be hungry for it.

Footballers today are athletes, the products of training schedules designed to build strength, speed and endurance.

I wouldn't mind betting that the game will get even faster over the next 30 years . . . and it will be even more important to produce players in England with better techniques.

People forget that a good player, with high technical qualities, can slow a game down. Bad players can never control a game's pace.

So, our duty is to develop outstanding young players, and that's what we are trying to do through various schemes organised by the Football Association for young players.

It is essential for the FA and the Football League to work more closely together over the next 100 years to improve the game.

It is also vital for England to be one of the strongest football nations in the world. It is good for our domestic game, good for national morale, and a boost to our prestige as a nation.

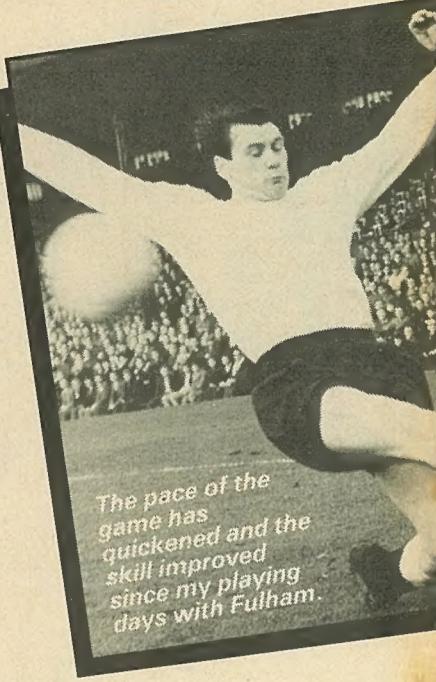
In future we have to give the England team every opportunity to get the best results. The system at the moment does not encourage this.

Reducing the First Division by two teams in the next two years is a start. England play eight or nine games a year and it will be interesting to see how much space that creates for England to prepare for matches.

I need all the help I can get to prepare the players for the crunch European Championship qualifier in Yugoslavia next Autumn.

And here are my views on a few other thorny subjects that need to be sorted out over the next 100 years . . .

Glenn Hoddle is one of the most talented players I have seen. He reminds me very much of my former teammate Johnny Haynes.



The pace of the game has quickened and the skill improved since my playing days with Fulham.

Passing back

The back pass never happened in my day as a player. It has crept in because it is so important to win.

Maybe we need to change things. How about a 30 yard line, with pass backs to the 'keeper inside that zone punished by a free kick?

Off-side law

Clubs deliberately work the off-side trap as a part of their strategy. It destroys the excitement in the game and must stop.

Referees

Through no fault of their own, refs are being forced to give decisions from bad positions.

The ball is moved so quickly that refs are being caught out of position.

The time is near when we might need two linesmen . . . and two referees!

Managers

I welcome the move which has seen a cutback in the sniping that went on between managers in newspapers.

I also want to see more protection for managers. If directors give a manager a three year contract, they should honour it. So should managers honour their commitment.

Managers and clubs should only part company before the end of a contract if it is by mutual agreement. Where there's stability there's success in football.

Transfers

Surely it can't be fair for Arsenal to

than ever!



By
**Bobby
Robson**



buy Alan Smith . . . and then release him to his old club, Leicester, to help them fight relegation. It is an abuse of the loan system.

Hooliganism

Our expulsion from Europe was necessary for us to get our house in order.

I think we have turned the corner, and that is to our everlasting credit.

The Euro ban forced Government, football officialdom, clubs and fans to study the whole problem and find a way to overcome the evil.

That can only be good for the game. The clubs are better for Government intervention, and the police have responded to increased powers at their disposal and make no mistake, a vast majority of English fans are among the most honourable in the world.

What saddens me is that the 'lost years' could prove costly. It is vital for our star players to turn out against the best.

World Cup

Technically we lack something. Many of the best footballing nations spend more time on the training pitch than our boys. Bryan Robson and the squad are always playing.

They have less time to develop their skills. Our players get no rest, and at Christmas and Easter they are playing three or four matches in a week.

I am pleased with the England squad and if we can strengthen it over the next two or three years, the 1990 World Cup Finals, to be held in Italy, could just be in our sights.

Final thought in this Centenary Year

I love the game today, but I am pleased I played when I did. Johnny Haynes, my Fulham team-mate, was the best I ever played with.

England captain, he stood out a mile above the rest. A marvellous trainer, Johnny would have been a great player in any era.

He had good vision, good control, and was a wonderful passer. He would have competed for a place with Glenn Hoddle if he was around today. Don't ask me which one I'd pick.

One of the saddest moments of my playing days was the Munich air crash. I played with Roger Byrne, Tommy Taylor and Duncan Edwards for England against France, my debut, at Wembley in November 1957.

Taylor scored twice in our 4-0 win . . . and I got the other two. As we sat in the Wembley dressing room after the game, sharing jokes and enjoying victory I was not to know that that was their last England game.

England were robbed of three giants . . . and I count myself lucky to have had the privilege to play with those Manchester United and England greats.

The game has been full of pitfalls. The next 100 years will be laced with glorious moments and sad times.

That's what makes football the greatest game in the world.

THE BIG KICK-OFF

When celebrations are held to mark a super century of League football in England the rousing toast will be to — a Scotsman.

Yes, it was a far-sighted Scot, William McGregor, who was primarily responsible for the formation of the Football League, now in its 100th year, and acknowledged the world over as the oldest and toughest of its type in existence.

As you'd expect, it kicked-off its first season, in 1888-89, in a very different form from the League we know today. It had only 12 teams, and from that distinguished dozen just Derby and Everton will play in the First Division next season.

Cloth caps — and £4-a-week stars

Players in those days were a far cry from the highly-paid stars of today, who enjoy lavish lifestyles, big pay cheques, and are often put up before matches at plush hotels.

The first professionals were cloth-capped, working class, travelled to home matches by bus or tram, paying their own fares, and received a wage that today would be regarded as mere pocket-money by the average schoolboy.

It wasn't until some years after

the formation of the League, in 1901, that a maximum wage was introduced. The princely sum of £4 a week, and precious few got anything like that!

No penalties

The game was played roughly under the same Laws as today, except that free-kicks were at the referee's discretion, there was no such thing as a penalty-kick, a player was offside if there were less than THREE opponents between him and the goal, and there were no goal-nets.

Goalkeepers had a field day, being allowed to handle the ball freely,



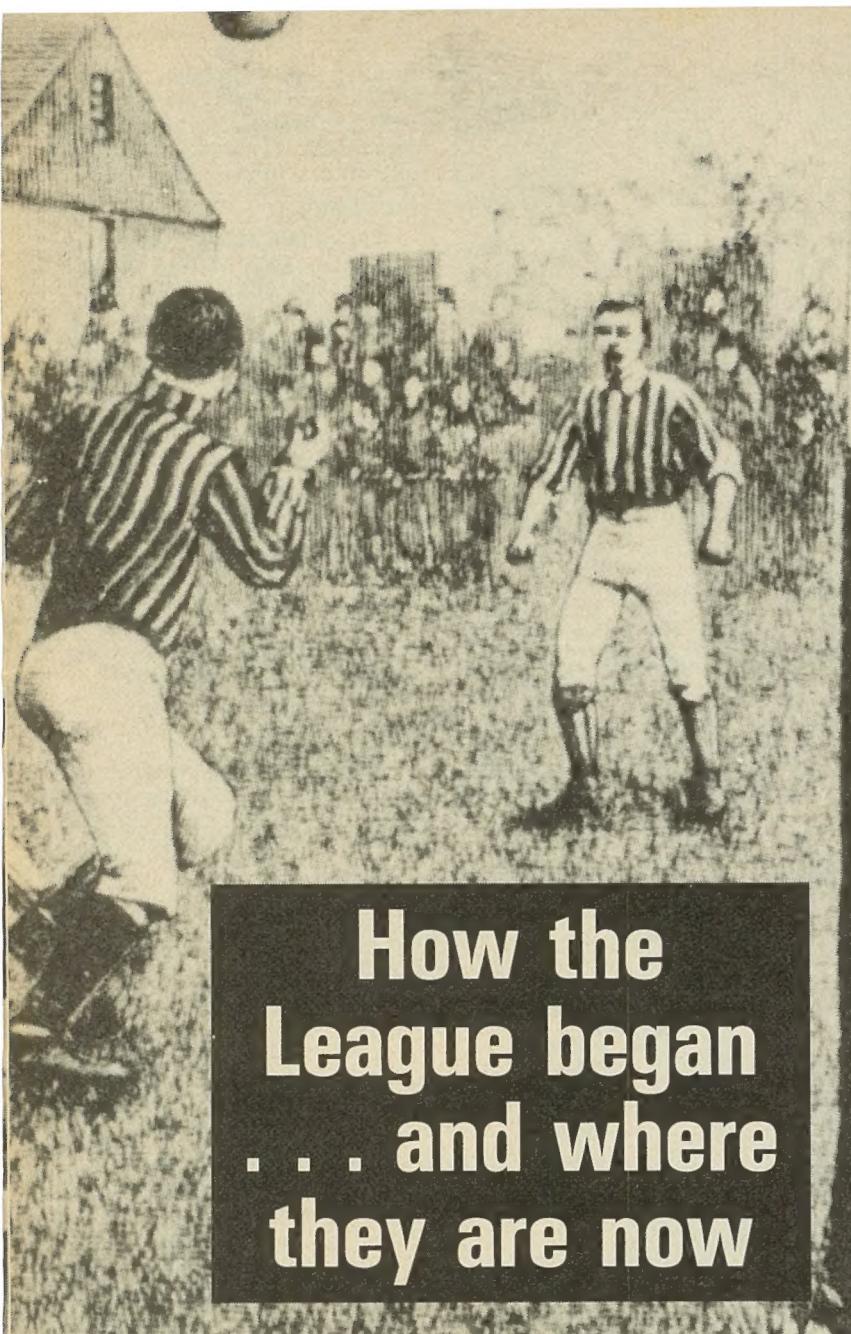
All conquering Preston who won the first League Championship in 1888-89 and completed the double the same season.

HOW THEY FINISHED IN 1888-89

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Preston	22	18	4	0	74	15	40
Aston Villa	22	12	5	5	61	43	29
Wolves	22	12	4	6	50	37	28
Blackburn	22	10	6	6	66	45	26
Bolton	22	10	2	10	63	59	22
WBA	22	10	2	10	40	46	22
Accrington	22	6	8	8	48	48	20
Everton	22	9	2	11	35	46	20
Burnley	22	7	3	12	42	62	17
Derby	22	7	2	13	41	60	16
Notts County	22	5	2	15	39	73	12
Stoke	22	4	4	14	26	51	12

'The Invincibles'

Today, many critics complain that a select handful of clubs dominate the League Championship. They would have complained even more loudly in those bygone days at the stranglehold on the game by a certain Northern club so unstop-



How the League began . . . and where they are now

ble they were nicknamed 'The Invincibles.'

A club at this moment still celebrating promotion from the Fourth Division — PRESTON NORTH END.

What a magical, magnificent season they had first time around: unbeaten in all 22 games, with a total of 40 points, and a goal haul of 74 goals with only 15 scored against.

Not surprisingly, one of their marksmen, a James Ross, chalked up the highest individual number of goals scored in a game that season, hitting all seven in a win over Stoke.

Preston's top scorer, John Goodall, struck a total of 21 goals.

And to crown their first campaign, Preston also captured the FA Cup with a 3-0 win to do the coveted double at the first attempt.

Next season, 1889-90, Preston were again Champions. In 1890-91 they ended runners-up, holding that spot until 1892-93. They also finished second in 1905-06, 1952-53, and 1957-58. Preston are one of the few 'starter' clubs to have always played at their present ground, Deepdale.

ABOVE: Aston Villa and West Brom contest a match in the early days of football. RIGHT: Youngsters at play on Accrington Stanley's Peel Park pitch after the club folded in 1962.

Cruel fate

Where fate had been kind to Preston, it was cruel to STOKE CITY, still at their home venue of The Victoria Ground. Not only were they the unfortunate on the receiving end of James Ross' goal haul but they ended the season applying for re-election, and being rejected.

They were, however, readmitted in 1891. Their best season ever in the First Division is to finish fourth in both 1935-36 and 1946-47.

The hardest cut of all has been dealt to a club many of today's fans have never heard of — ACCRINGTON STANLEY. This brave, little Northern club seemed destined for a life of struggle, until finally going out of business in 1962, starved of fans and ignored in favour of their more successful, fashionable neighbours Manchester City, United and Blackburn.

Apart from recording the club's



untimely death, the history books throw up two interesting statistics concerning Accrington Stanley.

On September 9th, 1888, they featured in a high-scoring game, letting in five away goals but hitting back with five of their own.

Never well-supported, they struck an all-time low many years later, in March, 1952, when only 484 people bothered to watch their away game to Gateshead in Division Three (North).

BURNLEY have never been strongly supported and many up-and-coming stars have left Turf Moor for fat fees in order for the club to pay its way. Perhaps this is the reason they can only look back on two title wins — in 1920-21 and 1959-60.

However, they've been runners-

CONTINUED OVER



Wolves won the FA Cup in 1960 but missed out on the double by a single goal.

IT'S A FACT

WHEN Nottingham Forest created the Football League record of 42 games without defeat before losing 2-0 at Liverpool, December 9, 1978, only two men played in all 42 games — Scottish international John Robertson and England goalkeeper Peter Shilton.

HAVING already set the League record for most goals scored in four as well as five consecutive seasons while with Middlesbrough, Brian Clough joined Sunderland in 1961-62 and bagged the record for most goals in six consecutive seasons—223. When injury cut short his playing career in 1963 Clough had scored 252 League goals in 271 games.

up twice — in 1919-20 and 1961-62 — on the second occasion also being pipped in the FA Cup Final by Spurs. Last season they only just survived as a League club.

Cup Kings

BLACKBURN ROVERS were the original Cup Kings, winning the FA Cup in 1884, 1885, 1886, 1890, 1891 and 1928. They also took the Championship in 1911-12 and 1913-14. They've played all their home games at Ewood Park since 1890.

Perry Barr was the ground for ASTON VILLA at the outset of their wonderful League career which so far has seen them collect seven Championships — the first in 1893-94 and the last in 1980-81 — and finish runners-up eight times.

In 1896-97 they completed the double. Last season they were relegated as manager Billy McNeill rebuilt a side hit by injury problems. The Scot was sacked in May.

Clough magic

DERBY COUNTY had to wait until the Seventies, under that manager with the magical touch, Brian Clough, to collect their first title



trophy. That was in 1971-72, and repeated in 1974-75.

They earlier had three near misses, though, when they earned second place, way back in 1895-96, 1929-30 and 1935-36. The Racecourse Ground was their home before the Baseball Ground. Next season they will be back in the First as worthy Second Division Champions.

The distinction of being the oldest Football League club, founded in 1862, is held by NOTTS COUNTY, who unfortunately have never won the Championship. The highest position in which they've been placed is third, in 1890-91 and 1900-01. They moved from Trent Bridge to Meadow Lane in 1910.

Wembley wonders

Although titleless, BOLTON WANDERERS were always reckoned a formidable force in their First Division days. A fine Cup side, their claim to fame is winning the first FA Cup Final staged at Wembley in 1923. They began their League life at Pike's Lane before moving to Burnden Park. Bolton were relegated to the Fourth Division last season after losing in the Play-Offs.

Stoney Lane lived up to its name



ABOVE: Derek Mountfield scores against Manchester United. The Everton defender played a vital role in the club's title triumph in 1984-85. BELOW: Brian Clough and Peter Taylor led Derby to their first Championship in 1971-72 then repeated that success at Nottingham Forest in 1977-78.



for WEST BROMWICH ALBION who won nothing there. But after switching to their present patch, The Hawthorns, they took the title in 1919-20, and just missed out in 1924-25 and 1953-54.

Rampaging Wolves

The Team of the Fifties — that's WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS, who lost that 1889 FA Cup Final to Preston. Champions in 1953-54, 1957-58 and 1958-59, and runners-up in 1937-38, 1938-39, 1949-50, 1954-55 and in 1959-60, when Wolves just missed the double and a League Championship hat-trick by one goal.

After their fall from the First to the Fourth in successive seasons between 1984 and '86, Wolves could be back on the glory trail next season and win promotion to the Third Division.

Super Everton

Last but by no means least — EVERTON, the club that overshadows the other 11 with its proud First Division record of nine title wins — the first in 1890-91, beating Preston, and then in 1914-15, 1927-28, 1931-32, 1938-39, 1962-63, 1969-70, 1984-85 and 1986-7. Runners-up in 1889-90, 1894-95, 1901-2, 1904-5, 1908-09, 1911-12, and 1985-86.

Liverpool fans won't want to be reminded that Everton began at Anfield, then broke away in 1892 to play at Goodison Park.

After three seasons the original League was increased to 14 clubs, then to 28 when the Second Division was formed in 1892-93.

Then came the following stages: 28 to 31 in 1893-94; 31 to 32 in 1894-95; 32 to 36 in 1898-99; 36 to 40 in 1905-06; 40 to 44 in 1919-20; 44 to 66 in 1920-21 on the formation of the Third Division (South) from Southern League clubs; 66 to 86 at the launch of the Third Division (North) in 1921-22; 86 to 88 in 1923-24; and to the present 92 in 1950-51.

Winners

1986-87

ENGLAND

League Champions: EVERTON
Runners-up: Liverpool

Second Div Champions: DERBY
Runners-up: Portsmouth

Third Div Champions:
BOURNEMOUTH
Runners-up: Middlesbrough

Fourth Div Champions:
NORTHAMPTON
Runners-up: Preston

PLAY-OFFS:
Charlton beat Leeds to remain in the First Division
Swindon won play-offs in the Second/Third Division and are promoted.
Aldershot won play-offs in the Third/Fourth Division and are promoted.

Charity Shield winners: EVERTON and LIVERPOOL share the trophy

FA Cup winners: COVENTRY
Runners-up: Tottenham



Littlewoods Cup winners: ARSENAL
Runners-up: Liverpool

Full-members Cup winners:
BLACKBURN
Runners-up: Charlton

Freight Rover Trophy winners:
MANSFIELD
Runners-up: Bristol City

GM Vauxhall Conference winners:
SCARBOROUGH (promoted to the Football League in place of Lincoln).

PFA Player of the Year:
Clive Allen

PFA Young Player of the Year:
Tony Adams

Footballer of the Year:
Clive Allen

SCOTLAND

Premier Div Champions: RANGERS
Runners-up: Celtic

First Div Champions: MORTON
Runners-up: Dunfermline

Second Div Champions:
MEADOWBANK
Runners-up: Raith

Scottish Cup winners: ST. MIRREN
Runners-up: Dundee United

Skol Cup winners: RANGERS
Runners-up: Celtic

Scottish PFA Player of the Year:
Brian McClair

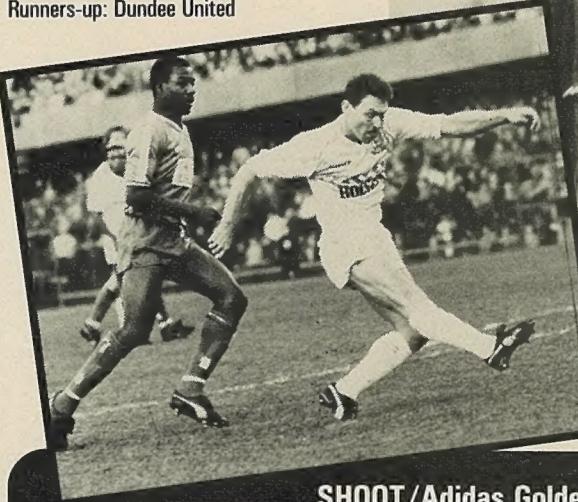
Scottish Footballer of the Year:
Brian McClair

EUROPE

European Cup winners: FC PORTO
Runners-up: Bayern Munich

European Cup-winners' Cup: AJAX
Runners-up: Lokomotive Leipzig

UEFA Cup: GOTHEBURG
Runners-up: Dundee United



ABOVE: Kevin Ratcliffe skippered Everton to the League title. LEFT: Clive Allen scores against Chelsea. His 33 goals last season won him the Golden Shoe award.

SHOOT/Adidas Golden Shoe winners:

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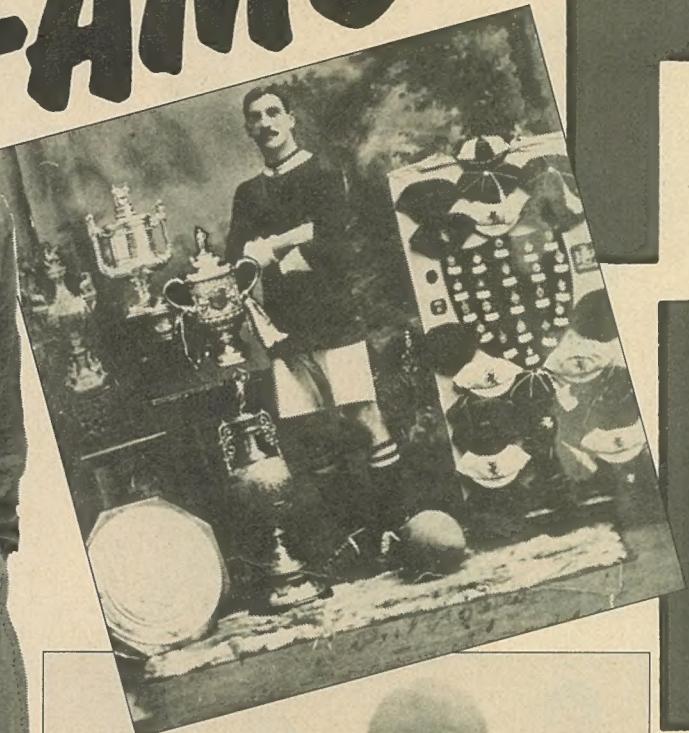
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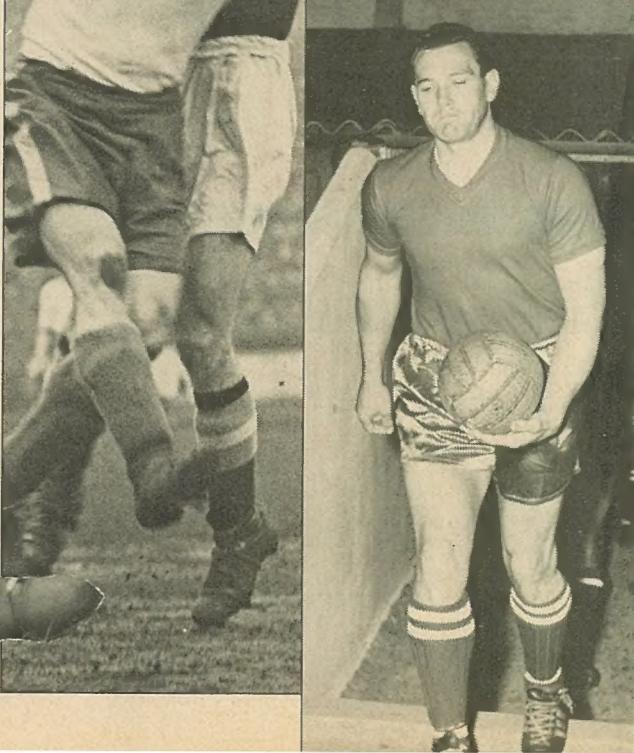
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FAMOUS FOOTBALLERS



Above and left: The great Billy Meredith won many honours. Below: Billy "Dixie" Dean in League action at Chelsea in 1932.



Late kick-off

September 8, 1888: The first five Football League games were played on this Saturday afternoon and none of them kicked-off on time. At Anfield Road, Liverpool, then Everton's home, the Accrington team did not arrive until after 4 o'clock having had difficulty in finding the ground. The first goal was scored by Preston inside-left Fred Dewhurst with a header against Burnley only two minutes after the start. Preston went on to win 5–2. At Wolverhampton, George Cox, the Aston Villa right-back, had the unenviable distinction of scoring the League's first "own goal". However, Villa equalised in a 1–1 draw.

Hat-trick hero

September 15, 1888: Burnley's Walter Tait scored the League's first hat-trick in a 4–3 win at Bolton.

October 6, 1888: Preston's Jimmy Ross became the first player to score four goals in a game as they beat Stoke 7–0 at Deepdale.

Super sharp Blades

December 10, 1892: Sheffield United become the first (and so far the only) League side to score double figures away from home. They beat Burslem Port Vale 10–0 in the Second Division.

Left: Arthur Rowley broke the League goalscoring record.

that's



Phil Neal's amazing League record is unlikely to be beaten.

December 30, 1893: Jack Southworth became the first player to score a double hat-trick in a League game, getting six of Everton's goals in a 7-1 win over West Bromwich Albion at Goodison.

Team of all the Talents

1894-95: This season Sunderland became the first side to win the League Championship for a third time. They had achieved this distinction in the space of four seasons and as they finished runners-up in that other season was it any wonder that they were known as the "Team of all the talents?" Seven players appeared in all three Championship-winning campaigns and all of them were Scots.

April 28, 1906: Bristol City beat Chelsea 2-1 at Ashton Gate to become Champions of the Second Division. It was also their 30th victory of the season — the first time any side had won that many games in a single campaign.

600 not out

1913-14: This season Billy Meredith, the most famous Welsh footballer of all time, became the first player to exceed 600 Football League appearances. At the time this brilliant winger was playing for Manchester United, but he had previously appeared in the League with Northwich Victoria and Manchester City. He returned to Manchester City in 1921.



Jason Dozzell (dark strip) scores for Ipswich to become the youngest First Division marksman.

Town toppers

1925-26: Huddersfield Town became the first club to win the League Championship three seasons in succession. 15 of their players appeared in all three seasons but of these only one was a Scot — right-half David Steele.

Deadly Dean

May 3, 1928: In Everton's final First Division game William "Dixie" Dean became the first player to score 60 goals in a season. In a 3-3 draw with Arsenal at Goodison, Dean scored his seventh League hat-trick of this Championship-winning campaign, heading his 60th goal with eight minutes to spare and so breaking the record of 59 League goals created by George Camsell (Middlesbrough) only a year earlier.

Double six

April 21, 1930: In a First Division game at Filbert Street

Leicester City and Arsenal fought out the first 6-6 draw in Football League history.

Ding-dong Bell

December 26, 1935: Robert "Bunny" Bell became the first player to score nine goals in a League game as Tranmere Rovers beat Oldham Athletic 13-4, Division III(N).

April 13, 1936: In Division III(S) Bristol Rovers were beaten 12-0 at Luton where the Town had called in reserve-team wing-half Joe Payne as an emergency centre-forward because of injuries. Payne became the first player to score ten goals in a League game on that Easter Monday including seven in succession.

September 26, 1962: Arthur Rowley (Shrewsbury Town player-manager) scores his 411th Football League goal to break the major British League record of 410 goals created by Jimmy McGrory (Celtic and Clydebank 1922-38). Rowley went on to take his total of League goals to 434 before retiring in 1965.

Fourth to First

1964-65: Northampton Town become the first club from the Fourth Division to win promotion to Division One. Unfortunately they were back in the Fourth Division after only four seasons.

1968-69: Leeds United become the first side to play through a season of at least 42 matches and lose no more than two of these games. Their record is all the more remarkable because it occurred in the First Division.

February 4, 1984: Coming on as substitute for Ipswich Town against Coventry City Jason Dozzell became the youngest First Division goalscorer at the age of 16 years 57 days. Ipswich won 3-1.

All-time Champ

1985-86: Phil Neal becomes the first player to make more than 300 appearances in League Championship-winning teams. His record is unlikely ever to be beaten for in winning seven Championship medals before this season he had missed only one game! He left the club to become player-manager of Bolton Wanderers mid-way through the 1985-86 Championship-winning campaign but had already appeared in 13 games taking his total for Championship-winning seasons to 307. His overall League total for Liverpool was 455 appearances.

All too rarely the modern game produces a player whose appearance is guaranteed to send football fans flooding on to the terraces.

Argentina's captain Diego Maradona is King of the Crowd Pleasers for scoring brilliant goals of the type that sank England in the 1986 World Cup.

Magicians before him have enriched the pages of Football League history. Here we spotlight the men who added thousands to the gates wherever they played . . .

Jack Southworth

A striker, Jack Southworth created most of football's early goal-scoring records.

Everton paid Blackburn Rovers £400 to secure his transfer in 1893 (the first big transfer fee on record).

Sadly, illness and injury forced his premature retirement from Everton 18 months later.

But he had made his mark!

He scored four goals against Sheffield Wednesday and six against West Bromwich Albion on consecutive Saturdays at Goodison Park.

Jack Southworth is reported to have scored 133 goals in his 139 League appearances.

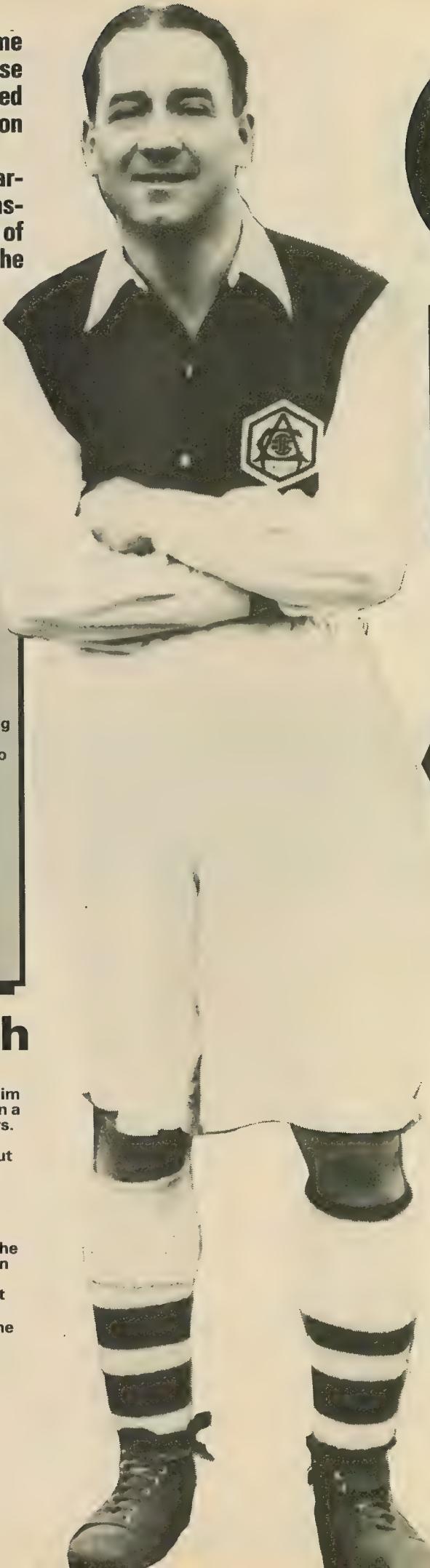
Billy Meredith

He was known as the 'Prince of Wingers'. Some would have made him the Prince of Wales for his exploits in a League career covering more than 30 years.

Meredith launched his career with Northwich Victoria in September 1893, but he made his mark as the most brilliant winger of his generation in two spells at Manchester City and for hugging the touchline at Old Trafford for Manchester United.

Meredith won 48 Welsh caps and was the oldest player to appear in the FA Cup when he played for Manchester City against Newcastle United on 29th March, 1924 at the age of 49 years and eight months.

Billy was at his sharp-shooting best in the 1898-99 season when his 29 goals in 33 appearances earned Manchester City promotion to the First Division.



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Alex James

Alex James became the outstanding creative influence of the years between the two Great Wars.

He was the general of the great Arsenal team of the 1930's.

Born in Bellshill, his career blossomed in the famous Raith Rovers attack with Hughie Gallacher. He went to Preston North End in 1926 and was a member of Scotland's 'Wembley Wizards' attack that pumped five

Tommy Lawton

Tommy could head a ball as fiercely as some of today's stars can shoot.

He scored 232 League goals in his outstanding career at Burnley, Everton, Chelsea, Notts County, Brentford and Arsenal.

There is little doubt Tommy would have become one of the Football League's top three goal-scorers of all time had his career not been interrupted by War.

He shook the soccer world by scoring a hat-trick against Spurs on his debut for Burnley at the age of 16. A season later, he joined Everton for a staggering £6,500 fee.

Everton saw him as natural successor to Dixie Dean. Born in Bolton, he became England's centre-forward at the age of 19, winning a Championship medal with the Goodison Park club and scoring no fewer than 35 goals for them.

He possessed that rare gift of 'hanging' in the air above startled defenders, and could shoot hard

Tribute to some of the greatest crowd-pullers of all-time . . .

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goals into England's net in 1928.

His £9,000 transfer to Arsenal in 1929 changed his life. Manager Herbert Chapman persuaded him to become a deep lying midfield player with stunning success.

James could pass a ball with laser accuracy to Arsenal's fleet footed Joe Hulme, or destroy right-backs with deadly balls to Cliff Bastin.

He loved to crouch over the ball, waving his foot above it to deceive

opponents with a sensational swerve.

An occasional scorer, he cracked Arsenal's opening goal in the 1930 FA Cup Final. He scored only 26 goals in 231 League games for Arsenal, a sharp contrast to his 53 in four seasons at Preston North End.

Alex won only eight Scotland caps, captained Arsenal for five years, retired in 1953, and died in June 1957.

with both feet.

Tommy headed England's winner against Scotland at Hampden Park in April 1939, England's first win there for 12 years.

He scored four against Scotland in a War-time international in 1943, one goal hooked over his head from a sitting position.

Everton sold him to Chelsea in 1945 but Third Division Notts County broke the bank — and the transfer record — to snap him up for £17,000 in 1947.

He made 23 England appearances between 1939-49 and rewarded Notts County in 1949-50 by snapping 31 League goals in their promotion to the Second Division.

Tommy became player manager of Brentford in March 1952 but left them for a brief spell at Arsenal in September 1953.

He fell on hard times after his retirement.

No player contributed more to football's rich history, but how sad that much of his career should be overshadowed by the War.

Crowd buzzing in anticipation; defender moving in for the kill, Stan inviting a tackle, matador style. Devastating body swerve, electrifying acceleration and the defender was destroyed. His distribution was immaculate as he crossed the ball to head or foot.

This very move destroyed Bolton at Wembley in the 1953 FA Cup Final, a match recorded for posterity as the 'Matthews Final'.

He made 54 appearances for England between 1935-57, playing his last game, against the Republic of Ireland, at the age of 42.

Born in Hanley on 1st February, 1915 the son of a professional boxer, he launched his career with Stoke City after a brilliant schoolboy career. He could put £10,000 on the gate whenever he played in London. In Europe, he was known as 'The Sorcerer'.

Stan was transferred to Blackpool in 1947 for £11,500 and after collecting two Wembley loser's medals, he achieved a lifetimes ambition by being chaired from the pitch, a winner, in 1953.

He re-joined Stoke, helped steer them back into the First Division, and played his last League game at the age of 50.

Now lives in Canada. Still plays and passing on his vast knowledge and experience to youngsters all over the world.

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Stanley Matthews' trickery caused panic to full-backs throughout the Football League.

Len Shackleton

He was exciting. He was outrageous. They called him the 'Clown Prince'.

He devoted a chapter of his autobiography *Clown Prince of Soccer* to 'The Average Director's Knowledge of Soccer'. It was a blank page!

He began his career as an amateur at Arsenal before moving to his native Bradford, and the Park Avenue club.

Shackleton worked down the mines in the War, built up his strength, and added durability to his extraordinary ball skills with Newcastle.



Sunderland splashed out £20,500 in 1948 to take him to Roker Park, his home for the next nine years.

Winning only five England caps, Len never convinced the Football Association that he could play in the same attack as Matthews and Finney.

How tragic that a star who could leave defenders for 'dead' with a flash of genius could not convince the hierarchy of his true worth.

Tom Finney

The Preston Plumber' lived in the shadow of Stanley Matthews for most of his career but many would argue that he was a more complete winger than his rival.

Born at Preston on 5th April, 1922, the War delayed his start but once he began motoring down the touchline at Deepdale he became the scourge of all First Division defences.

His ball control, like Matthews, was incredible and he averaged a goal every three games.

He played 76 times for England between 1946-59, scoring three goals in his first four appearances and bagging four against Portugal in a 5-3 win in 1950.

Tommy was Player of the Year twice, in 1954 and 1958.

Jimmy Greaves

The most prolific English goalscorer of his generation, Jimmy netted 357 League goals in an outstanding career spanning 13 years at Chelsea, AC Milan, Spurs and West Ham.

Small, nippy and composed on the ball, Greaves was born with predatory instincts for scoring goals.

His coolness under pressure shone whenever he skipped clear of a defence and ran at goal.

He never shirked his task, however fierce the intimidation. Greaves spoke volumes — in goals.

He won the first of 58 England caps against Peru in Lima in 1959 and went on to score no fewer than 54 goals for his country.

Born at Poplar, East London in February 1940, he joined Chelsea straight from school, became a youth international, and made an outstanding debut for Spurs in August 1957 at the age of 17.

He finished that first season with 22 goals. His haul of 41 League goals in 1960-61 remains a Chelsea record.

Greaves went to Milan in May 1961 but his stay was short and bitter before Spurs snapped him up for just under £100,000.

He became Spurs' record League goalscorer with 37 in 1962-63 and went on to score a record 220 goals for the club.

Jimmy had a poor World Cup in 1962 and never forgave Alf Ramsey for leaving him out of England's World Cup winning line-up in 1966.

But they were minor blemishes on a magnificent playing career before he hit the bottle.

His recovery to become one of television's most popular performers is a tribute to the courage of one of Britain's greatest goalscorers.



Bobby Charlton

Who is Bobby Charlton? The question could be answered with confidence in Buenos Aires, Moscow, Paris, Rome and any other football city in the world.

No British player since Stanley Matthews has received the same world acclaim as Bobby, a great Manchester United and England star over more than a decade.

Charlton, born in Ashington on 11th October, 1937, rose to fame from the wreckage of the aircraft in which the Busby Babes perished.

His thunderous shooting with both feet thrilled football fans all over the world. Two scorching shots sunk Portugal to put England in the World Cup Final in 1966.

He travelled down from his native Northumberland to join Manchester United as a 15-year-old. He scored twice on his League debut against Charlton in October 1956.

After the Munich crash in 1958, Bobby was one of the central figures in the rebuilding of the United team.

He won the first of 106 England caps against Scotland at Hampden Park, scoring one of the goals in a 4-0 win. He went on to crack a record 49 goals, including a long range thunderbolt against Mexico in the 1966 World Cup which ranked as the best of the tournament.

He was chosen as European Footballer of the Year in 1966 but he took the Continent by storm two years later in helping Manchester United win the European Cup for the first time.

A capacity Wembley crowd had the rare sight of Bobby scoring one of United's four winning goals



Idol of the Stretford End in the 1960s — Bobby Charlton.

against Benfica with his head.

His distinguished England career ended controversially against West Germany in the 1970 World Cup Quarter Finals.

Manager Alf Ramsey sensationally subbed him with England leading 2-0; the Germans gained control, and England were sadly beaten.

On retirement he became manager of Preston North End, but resigned on a point of principle in 1975-76 and joined a travel agency.

Today, he is a director of his beloved Manchester United, businessman, television pundit, and runs a highly successful chain of soccer schools.



Denis Law

He wore glasses as a youngster. His legs were as thin as celery. He looked the perfect victim for a beach bully wanting to kick sand in his face.

Then Denis Law was given a football... and the weed grew into a giant.

The great Bill Shankly spotted Law's potential, signing him for Huddersfield in February 1957.

He developed into one of the game's most lethal strikers.

Law, born in Aberdeen on 24th February, 1940, learned to destroy defences under Shankly's guidance in three years at Leeds Road.



An all-action dynamo with razor sharp reflexes and spring-heeled heading power, he joined Manchester City in March 1960 and succumbed to the temptations of big money in Europe by signing for Italian giants Torino.

His brief and unhappy spell ended sensationally when Matt Busby smashed the British record by signing him for Manchester United for a fee of £115,000 before the start of the 1962-63 season.

He gave a dazzling display in

helping Manchester United win the 1963 FA Cup against Leicester.

Law featured heavily in Manchester United's Championship winning seasons of 1964-65 and 1966-67, helped steer them to the European Cup Semi-Finals in 1966, and was a major influence in them reaching the European Cup in 1968, though injury cost him a place in the successful Final team.

European Footballer of the Year in 1964, Law returned to Manchester City in 1973 and brought his total of Scottish caps to a then record of 54.

Today Denis is a successful broadcaster.

George Best

The 'Swinging 60s', the Beatles, George Best... no player since the War has generated more excitement in possession of a football than the former Northern Ireland and Manchester United winger.

Dazzling ball control, a lethal shot in both feet, power in the air, and a natural instinct for making defenders look like monkeys made him the biggest crowd puller since Matthews and Finney.

He became Europe's Crown Prince in 1968 when he won the British and European Footballer of the Year awards after helping United win the European Cup.

The previous season he had formed a lethal combination with Bobby Charlton and Denis Law in steering Manchester United to the Championship.

George made his debut for United in 1963 at the age of 17 years four months. He was still a month short of his next birthday when he made the first of 37 appearances for Northern Ireland between 1964-78.

George's career became a cruel victim of the permissive age. The high life and the pressures of superstardom cut short a brilliant career.

The record books show that George, born in Belfast on 22nd May, 1946, played for Stockport, Fulham, Bournemouth and in the NASL before his retirement.

The truth is much of the magic had gone when he left United in 1973. It was short but it was sweet, George.

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ASTON VILLA 1896-97



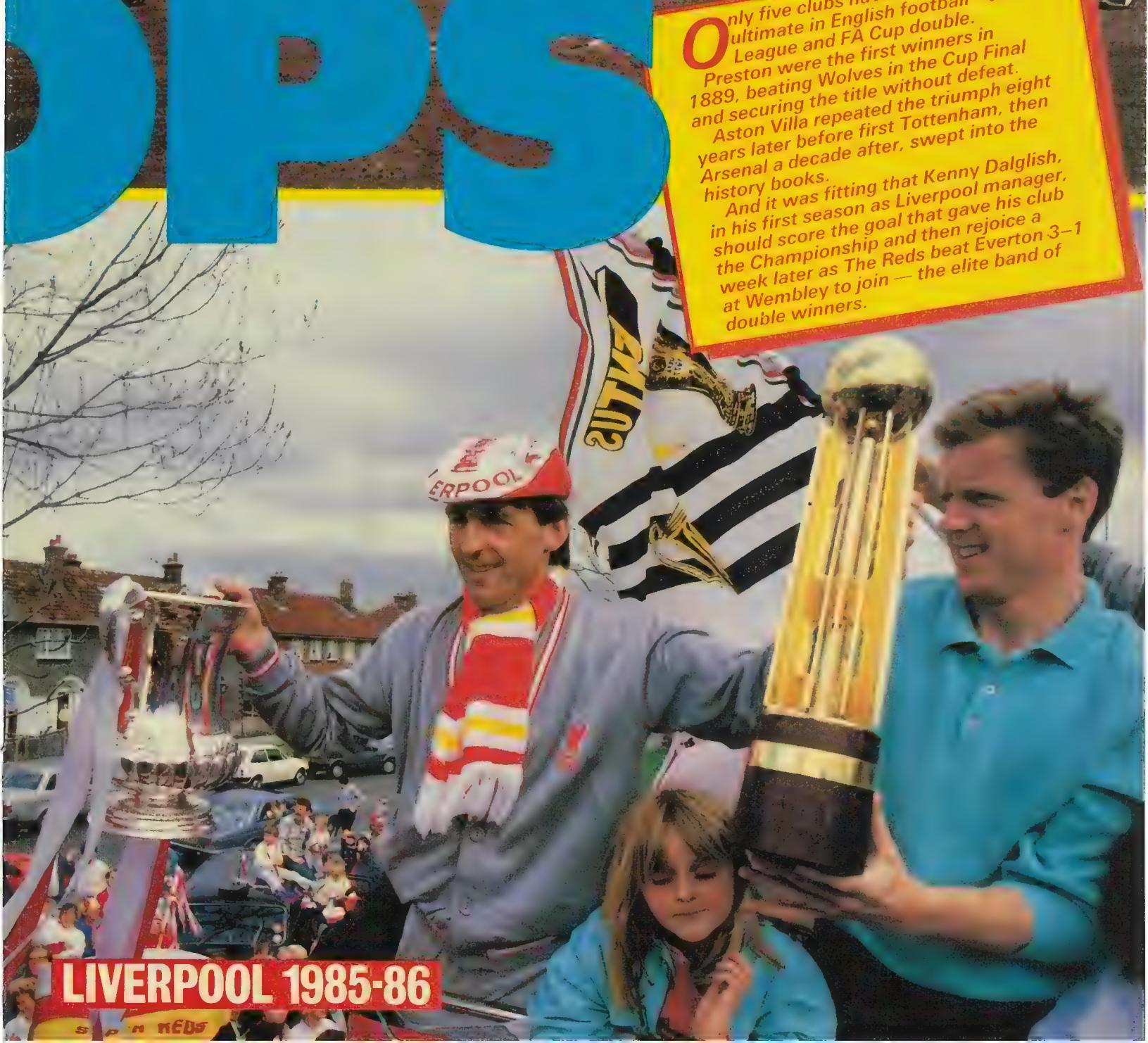
ARSENAL 1970-71



TOTTENHAM 1960-61

Only five clubs have achieved the ultimate in English football—the League and FA Cup double. Preston were the first winners in 1889, beating Wolves in the Cup Final and securing the title without defeat. Aston Villa repeated the triumph eight years later before first Tottenham, then Arsenal a decade after, swept into the history books.

And it was fitting that Kenny Dalglish, in his first season as Liverpool manager, should score the goal that gave his club the Championship and then rejoice a week later as The Reds beat Everton 3-1 at Wembley to join — the elite band of double winners.



LIVERPOOL 1985-86

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- In 1967, in the first League Cup Final at Wembley, a brilliant goal by Rodney Marsh inspired Third Division QPR to come back from 0-2 down and beat WBA 3-2.
- Two goals in extra-time from Don Rogers of Third Division Swindon Town enabled his club to emulate Rangers' feat two years later by beating First Division Arsenal 3-1.
- A Martin Chivers' brace were the only goals in Tottenham's 1971 Final win against Aston Villa.
- There was a sentimental moment in the 1972 Final when veteran, George Eastham, scored the winner in a 2-1 victory by Stoke over Chelsea and earned himself the only major honour of his career.
- Dennis Tueart's spectacular bicycle kick gave Manchester City a 2-1 victory in the 1976 Final against Newcastle United.
- Brian Little smashed home his second goal to give Aston Villa a 3-2 victory over Everton in 1977 after the first two games had been drawn.
- A John Robertson penalty was the only score for Nottingham Forest in three hours' football against Liverpool in 1978.
- The deadly striking duo of Garry Birtles (2) and Tony Woodcock gave Nottingham Forest a 3-2 victory over Southampton, for whom Nick Holmes scored a fine goal in 1979.
- A misunderstanding in the Forest defence presented Andy Gray of Wolves with the only goal of the 1980 Final and denied Nottingham Forest a third successive victory.
- Ronnie Whelan burst upon the big-time scene in the first Milk Cup Final in 1982 by scoring two of Liverpool's three goals against Spurs, Ian Rush getting the other.
- Graeme Souness notched the only goal of the two-match Merseyside Milk Cup Final in 1984. Liverpool beat Everton 1-0 after a goalless draw.
- A deflection gave Norwich a 1-0 victory over Sunderland in 1985. A shot by Asa Hartford rebounded off Gordon Chisholm into the net.
- Oxford's sharpshooters, Trevor Hebbard, Ray Houghton and Jeremy Charles gave Oxford the 1986 Milk Cup trophy over fancied QPR.

Arsenal won the first Littlewoods Cup we look at players who grabbed the



Charlie Nicholas scores his second goal against Liverpool to win the Littlewoods Cup for Arsenal last season.



BOYS!

Final, beating Liverpool 2-1, on April 5th this year. But here headlines in past League and Milk Cup Finals.



LEFT: Scots celebrate. Liverpool trio Graeme Souness, Kenny Dalglish and Alan Hansen parade the first Milk Cup Trophy. ABOVE: George Eastham wins the 1972 League Cup for Stoke with this winner against Chelsea. RIGHT: Oxford's 1986 heroes Ray Houghton, Trevor Hebbert and Jeremy Charles.



LEAGUE CUP FINALISTS

	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP	FINALS
Liverpool	4	2	6
Aston Villa	3	2	5
Norwich City	2	2	4
Manchester City	2	2	3
Nottingham Forest	2	1	3
Tottenham Hotspur	2	1	3
Wolverhampton W.	2	1	3
Arsenal	2	0	3
West Bromwich Alb.	1	2	2
Chelsea	1	2	2
Leicester City	1	1	2
QPR	1	1	2
Stoke City	1	1	2
Birmingham City	1	1	2
Leeds United	1	1	2
Oxford United	1	0	2
Swindon Town	1	0	2
Everton	1	0	2
West Ham United	0	2	2
Manchester United	0	2	2
Newcastle United	0	2	2
Rochdale	0	1	1
Rotherham United	0	1	1
Southampton	0	1	1
Sunderland	0	1	1

• This table includes Milk Cup and Littlewoods Cup Finals.

Football clubs have thought nothing of blowing caution to the wind if there is a chance to snap-up a star player made available for transfer.

Not even the cool wind of economic recession which plunged football clubs into financial difficulties in the Seventies and Eighties could stem the rattle of cash register transactions steering players from one club to the next.

The British economy was anything but a pretty sight when Manchester United's new manager Ron Atkinson received full permission from the Old Trafford board to smash the British transfer record in buying Bryan Robson from West Bromwich Albion for £1,500,000 in October 1981.

United are one of the few League clubs who can deal in millions, but there are many others who will dice with their bank balances on a lower scale if they think the player is right . . . and the price right.

The old saying 'every man has his price' is applicable to most League clubs, however much they want to hang on to their precious stars.

Sunderland, never slow to buy the biggest and the best before their slump in the past two decades, shook their supporters by *selling* their top star Alf Common to Middlesbrough for a staggering £1,000 in February 1905.

The record books show that David Jack, the first player to score a goal at Wembley in the 1923 'White Horse' Final, became the subject of the first five-figure transaction in moving from Bolton to Arsenal in October 1928.

They record that Jack went to Highbury for £10,340 but all parties involved in that deal at the



Alf Common's move from Sunderland to Middlesbrough in 1905 made him the first £1,000 player.



From £1,000-



Transfer records smashed in a market that has often gone crazy.

David Jack joined Arsenal from Bolton for £11,500 and a few whiskys

Euston Hotel, London recall that he joined Arsenal for £11,500.

Bob Wall, then secretary-assistant to manager Herbert Chapman, recalls how the Arsenal boss persuaded the Bolton contingent to part with the one player they wanted to keep after offering all their stars for sale with the exception of Jack.

"We arrived at the hotel half-an-hour early. Chapman immediately went into the lounge bar. He called a waiter, placed two pounds in his hand and said: 'George, this is Mr Wall, my assistant. He will drink whisky and dry ginger. I will drink gin and tonic. We shall be joined by guests. They will drink whatever they like. See that our guests are given double of everything, but Mr Wall's whisky and dry ginger will contain no whisky and my gin and tonic will contain no gin.'

By the time the two parties came to clinch a deal, Arsenal's officials were in a much better condition to discuss big business than Bolton's

wilting force of negotiators . . . and they duly got their man for some £2,000 less than the original asking price.

The next milestone in the fascinating history of player-trading came in 1957 when Leeds United's 'Gentle Giant' John Charles became the first British player to be transferred to a foreign club for a substantial fee.

IT'S A FACT

● LIVERPOOL have gone through eight seasons without losing a League game at home. This is a record. The most recent of these was the 1979-80 team.

Charles, the powerfully built Welshman who made 38 appearances for his country in defence and attack from 1950-65, found fame and fortune with Juventus.

He conquered the language barrier, won the hearts of the Italian nation, and was adopted as a 'second son' in Turin before returning to Leeds in 1962.

But Jimmy Greaves and Denis



John Charles scores for Leeds in his last game before joining Juventus.

Law enjoyed none of the Welshman's success in their trips to AC Milan and Torino respectively.

Greaves was snapped up by Spurs for £99,999 and Law became the first transfer over £100,000 when Manchester United bought him in 1962.

England's staggering success in winning their first World Cup in 1966 encouraged Everton to become the first League club to splash out a six figure deal with another Football League club.

The subject of the big deal was a tiny, copper haired midfielder named Alan Ball, who started the World Cup campaign a few months earlier as an unknown but won the hearts of a nation in running the Germans ragged in the World Cup



Final at Wembley Stadium.

Ball fetched a cool £112,000 in moving to Goodison Park from Blackpool in August 1966, a deal that paid off handsomely when the England man helped steer Everton to the Championship in 1969-70.

Two years later the big wheeler dealers Juventus were making Britain's transfer system look like Monopoly trading.

Pietro Anastasi, brilliant attacker for Varese, joined Juventus for £440,000.

One of Alf Ramsey's 'wingless wonders' of 1966 featured in the first £200,000 transfer in Britain. Martin Peters left his England chums, Geoff Hurst and Bobby Moore, at West Ham and joined North London giants Tottenham Hotspur in March 1970.

Alan Ball proved a bargain buy for Everton by steering the club to the 1969-70 Championship.

Meanwhile, the rest of the world was spending as if it was going out of fashion. The recession was beginning to bite in Britain when Johan Cruyff became the first £1 million transfer in leaving Ajax for Barcelona in 1973.

Liverpool manager Bob Paisley thought nothing of shattering the record transfer fee between British clubs in poaching ace Scottish striker Kenny Dalglish from Celtic for £440,000 in 1977, shortly after Liverpool swept to their 10th League title as well as walking off with the European Cup.

Ian Rush. The most expensive player in British football history. Italian giants Juventus forked out a staggering £3.2 million to secure the services of the former Liverpool goal machine.

SOCER'S EXPORTS TO EUROPE

July 1955, Eddie Firmani, Charlton Athletic to Sampdoria	£35,000	July 1982, Trevor Francis, Manchester City to Sampdoria	£900,000
April 1957, John Charles, Leeds United to Juventus	£65,000	June 1983, Luther Blissett, Watford to AC Milan	£1,000,000
May 1961, Joe Baker, Hibernian to Torino	£65,000	May 1984, Ray Wilkins, Manchester United to AC Milan	£1,500,000
June 1961, Jimy Greaves, Chelsea to AC Milan	£80,000	June 1984, Mark Hateley, Portsmouth to AC Milan	£915,000
June 1961, Denis Law, Manchester City to Torino	£100,000	July 1984, Steve Archibald, Spurs to Barcelona	£1,000,000
June 1961, Gerry Hitchins, Aston Villa to Inter Milan	£85,000	June 1985, Gordan Cowans and Paul Rideout, Aston Villa to Bari	£850,000
June 1977, Kevin Keegan, Liverpool to SV Hamburg	£500,000	May 1986, Mark Hughes, Manchester United to Barcelona	£2,300,000
June 1979, Laurie Cunningham, WBA to Real Madrid	£950,000	June 1986, Gary Lineker, Everton to Barcelona	£2,750,000
November 1979, Tony Woodcock, Nottingham Forest to Cologne	£650,000	June 1986, Ian Rush, Liverpool to Juventus	£3,200,000
August 1980, Liam Brady, Arsenal to Juventus	£600,000		

Andy Gray became another member of the £1 million club when he left Aston Villa for Wolves in 1979.



But the big money deal was nothing to Liverpool, who pocketed £500,000 for the departing SV Hamburg bound Kevin Keegan.

By the late 1970's some astonishing deals were taking place between the most unlikely clubs.

Davis Mills was hardly heard of again when he joined West Bromwich Albion from Middlesbrough for a British record fee of £516,000.

But almost simultaneously as Mills was landing at The Hawthorns, Trevor Francis was leaving Birmingham City, just up the road, for Nottingham Forest.

Mark the date: February 1979. Mark the price: £1 million, a record involving British clubs.

Now the floodgates opened for a crazy spending spree between British clubs at a time when the £ was weak, a three-bed semi-detached house cost only £19,000 in the south-east, a Ford Escort £2,328, and you could travel from London to Manchester by train for £11.45.

The 1980-81 season began sensationaly when Andy Gray left

IT'S A FACT

ON March 14, 1931 Burnley's Second Division game with Barnsley was held up for 23 minutes while new goal-posts were erected. Barnsley's Bill Harvey had collided with a post and snapped it off at the base.

Aston Villa for Wolves for £1,469,000 and Steve Daley left Molineux for Manchester City in a £1,150,000 deal.

The following May a little known Aberdeen striker named Steve Archibald became the most expensive Scot when he joined Spurs for £800,000.

The most bizarre transfer deal involved Tottenham's record breaking striker Clive Allen.

In the space of two crazy months in the summer of 1980 he left Queens Park Rangers for Arsenal for £1,250,000, and, without kicking a ball in the First Division at Highbury, was sold to Crystal Palace for £1,250,000 in August 1980.

The size of that deal was offset by the money Palace received from Arsenal for selling Kenny Sansom for £1,350,000.

The big spenders were now waving chequebooks like crazy. Kevin Reeves left Norwich for Manchester City in a £1 million move in March 1980; Garry Birtles joined Manchester United from Nottingham Forest for £1,250,000 in October 1980, and the following summer Justin Fashanu left

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Norwich for Nottingham Forest for £1 million.

Reeves, Birtles and Fashanu had one thing in common . . . they were miserable failures at new clubs.

Reeves never gave Manchester City the service that notched almost 40 goals in 118 appearances at Carrow Road, and it was no surprise when he moved to Burnley in the summer of 1983.

Fashanu managed to score just three goals in a year at Forest, which works out at roughly £300,000 per strike.

Fifty eight League appearances, 11 goals was Birtles' miserly tally at Manchester United. He could never capture the form that dazzled the Forest faithful and earned him lifetime respect from his manager Brian Clough.

One man who did pay big dividends was Phil Parkes, who smashed the British transfer record for a goalkeeper in February 1979 when he quit QPR for West Ham for £565,000.

The wave of high transfer fees peaked when Bryan Robson joined Manchester United for a record £1.5 million in 1981.

TRANSFER FIRSTS

(Between British clubs)

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Alf Common: Sunderland to Middlesbrough Feb. 1905.

David Jack: Bolton to Arsenal Oct. 1928.

Alan Ball: Blackpool to Everton Aug. 1966.

Martin Peters: West Ham to Spurs Mar. 1970.

David Mills: Middlesbrough to WBA Jan. 1979.

Trevor Francis: Birmingham to Nottm. For. Feb 1979.

Bryan Robson: WBA to Man. Utd Oct. 1981.

The wild days of the early 1980s gave way to a more sensible approach in which League clubs thought twice before pulling the purse strings.

But all the time there are players available, there are managers only too pleased to persuade their directors to part with their money.

The Manchester United board needed little encouragement from Ron Atkinson to welcome Bryan Robson to the club in 1981.

A tribute to Robson's quality as a player and the size of Manchester United's bank balance is that the £1,500,000 deal remains a record fee between British clubs six years on.

The quality of a trio of British strikers was mirrored in three staggering deals in 1986 which saw Gary Lineker, Ian Rush and Mark Hughes sold to foreign clubs for a staggering £8 million.

England's striker Lineker and the Welsh powerhouse Hughes were

both snapped-up from Everton and Manchester United by Barcelona.

Lineker went for £2.8 million, Hughes for £2 million as Barcelona's manager Terry Venables went wild with his Spanish chequebook.

IT'S A FACT

● IN March 1985 Ron Fitcher joined the small number of players who have scored a hat-trick and then been sent-off. He scored all of Barnsley's goals in a 5-3 defeat at Charlton.

The Rush deal saw Juventus hand Liverpool £3,200,000 in June 1986 in a delayed deal which allowed the Welsh striker to play at Anfield throughout 1986-87.

Now, the League's most lethal predator is packing his bags and sharpening his Italian before launching his Juventus career next season.

Transfers sealed and then placed on ice have become a habit. Alan Smith, Leicester City's free-scoring striker, joined Arsenal for £800,000 in March 1987 but will not kick a ball for The Gunners until their pre-season warm-up matches this summer.

Quite what those Middlesbrough directors who bought Alf Common would have made of today's transfer scene is a subject for amused speculation.

But wherever there are footballers for sale, there will always be buyers . . . some with more money than sense.

Jimmy Greaves, one of the deadliest goalscorers



I'd like to think that when the League's centenary celebrations kick-off this summer people will remember me as one of the better goalscorers of my time.

But although I finished top scorer in the First Division on six occasions, I won't say I was the finest marksman of all time.

It's impossible to say just who does deserve that title, because throughout its 100 years the Football League has boasted the best goalscorers in the world.

Remember Steve Bloomer? No, neither do I. But the record books show that he banged in more than 350 goals for Derby and Middlesbrough around the turn of the century.

And what about Dixie Dean? His record of 60 League goals for Everton in a season will stand for ever. But people forget that 12 months earlier George Camsell had blasted 59 for Middlesbrough.

Hughie Gallacher was another prolific marksman around that time, sharing 387 League goals among seven different clubs in a brilliant 18-year career.

King of them all was Ted Rowley, with a Football League record 434 goals for West Brom, Fulham and Shrewsbury after the war, and Jackie Milburn would have scored a lot more if his career had not been interrupted by Adolf Hitler.

And how many people know that Tommy Lawton scored all Everton's goals in a season? Mind you, it was season 1939-40. Everton only played three games before the League was suspended due to the war!

Believe it or not, all those men were before my time. The legends and the record books are all I have to go on when I talk about these guys.

The first real great I can remember is Nat Lofthouse, immortalised as 'The Lion Of Vienna' after powering England to victory in Austria in 1952.

Brian Clough's career was cut tragically short.

Totally fearless, he would soar across the crossbar and head down into goal. He led the England attack at the age of 35 and had an incredible record of 30 goals in 30 games for his country.

Then there was Brian Clough, who scored 251 League goals in 274 games before a broken leg ended his career. Nowadays people tend to overlook Cloughie's playing record because of his achievements as a manager, but he was one of the best of the lot.

He played most of his career in the Second Division with Middlesbrough, but he would have done even better

JIMMY'S HIT



Tottenham powerhouse Bobby Smith on the rampage against Chelsea in 1961

with Sunderland in the First until that shattering injury.

One man I knew better than most was Bobby Smith, my partner at Spurs for many years and one of the greatest characters I have come across.

Smithy was the hardest footballer I have ever met. No goalkeeper was safe when he was around and I'd love to see him up against some of today's Pansy Potters.

Roger Hunt was one of the most consistent scorers of all time. He partnered the Saint for Liverpool and still holds the club's scoring record.

Denis Law would have been the

greatest scorer of all time if he hadn't wasted the first five years of his career in midfield.

Although he was never the First Division's top scorer, he was second to none in my book.

Coming up to more modern times, we've got guys like Frannie Lee, Ron Davies, Jeff Astle, Ally Brown and Bryan 'Pop' Robson, strikers who could be relied on to score a guaranteed 20 goals a season.

Here's my views on the hit men who have topped the First Division scoring charts in the past decade.

ers of all time, selects his top marksmen. . .

OTSHOTS!

FIRST DIVISION TOP HIT MEN (Since the war)

Season	Player	Club	Goals
1946–47	Dennis Westcott	Wolves	37
1947–48	Ronnie Rooke	Arsenal	33
1948–49	Willie Moir	Bolton	25
1949–50	Dickie Davis	Sunderland	25
1950–51	Stan Mortensen	Blackpool	30
1951–52	George Robledo	Newcastle	33
1952–53	Charlie Wayman	Preston	24
1953–54	Jimmy Glazzard	Huddersfield	29
1954–55	Johnny Nicholls	WBA	29
1955–56	Ronnie Allen	WBA	27
1956–57	Nat Lofthouse	Bolton	33
1957–58	John Charles	Leeds	38
1958–59	Bobby Smith	Spurs	36
1959–60	Jimmy Greaves	Chelsea	32
1960–61	Bobby Smith	Spurs	32
1961–62	Dennis Violet	Man. Utd.	32
1962–63	Jimmy Greaves	Chelsea	41
1963–64	Jimmy Greaves	Ipswich	33
1964–65	Jimmy Greaves	WBA	33
1965–66	Andy McEvoy	Spurs	37
1966–67	Roger Hunt	Spurs	35
1967–68	Ron Davies	Spurs	29
1968–69	George Best	Blackburn	29
1969–70	Ron Davies	Liverpool	30
1970–71	Jimmy Greaves	Southampton	37
1971–72	Derek Kevan	Man. Utd.	28
1972–73	Ally Brown	Southampton	28
1973–74	Francis Lee	Spurs	27
1974–75	Bryan Robson	WBA	25
1975–76	Mike Channon	WBA	28
1976–77	Malcolm Macdonald	Man. City	33
1977–78	Ted MacDougall	West Ham	28
1978–79	Andy Gray	Southampton	21
1979–80	Malcolm Macdonald	Newcastle	21
1980–81	Bob Latchford	Norwich	23
1981–82	Frank Worthington	Aston Villa	25
1982–83	Phil Boyer	Arsenal	25
1983–84	Steve Archibald	Everton	30
1984–85	Peter Withe	Bolton	24
1985–86	Kevin Keegan	Southampton	23
1986–87	Luther Blissett	Spurs	20
	Ian Rush	Aston Villa	20
	Kerry Dixon	Southampton	26
	Gary Lineker	Watford	27
	Gary Lineker	Liverpool	32
	Clive Allen	Chelsea	24
		Leicester	24
		Everton	30
		Tottenham	33

MIKE CHANNON (21 goals for Southampton 1973–74)

A great player and a nice chap. Mike always played with the right attitude. He loved the game and loved playing it. That's why he was able to go on for so long. Career record: 229 goals in 718 games for Southampton, Manchester City, Newcastle, Bristol Rovers, Norwich and Portsmouth.

MALCOLM MACDONALD (21 goals for Newcastle in 1974–75 and 25 goals for Arsenal in 1976–77)

Supermac was a throwback to the days of Nat Lofthouse and those great pre-war strikers Dean and Lawton. Good in the air and as strong as an ox, Malcolm was totally selfish in front of goal. He would push a team-mate off the ball if he thought a goal was on. I'm a great fan of his. Not many Londoners can set the crowd buzzing as he did at Newcastle. Career record: 191 goals in 372 games for Fulham, Luton, Newcastle and Arsenal.

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One of my 44 goals for England against Scotland at Wembley.



JIM'S HOT SHOTS!

TED MacDOUGALL (23 goals for Norwich in 1975-76)

Ted first came to prominence when he scored 42 goals for Bournemouth in the 1970-71 season. People said he wouldn't do it with a top club but he proved them all wrong with Norwich. Like Dixie McNeil and Cloughie, he did most of his damage in the lower divisions. Nevertheless, he was still a natural goalscorer. Career record: 256 goals in 535 games for York, Bournemouth, Man. Utd, West Ham, Norwich, Southampton and Blackpool.

ANDY GRAY (25 goals for Aston Villa in 1976-77)

One of the bravest men of all time. Some would say he's too brave for his own good because injuries have stopped him being one of the record breaking scorers. I think Andy is brilliant. He was superb when Everton won the League in 1985. It's typical of the man that he played out last season for Villa with a serious neck injury. Career record: 111 goals in 349 games for Aston Villa, Wolves and Everton. Also played for Dundee United.

BOB LATCHFORD (30 goals for Everton in 1977-78)

Bob won £10,000 for becoming the first Division One player to get 30 goals in a season for six years. He took a lot of stick from people who said he was too slow, too cumbersome and immobile. But I'll tell you this - there is not a manager in today's game who wouldn't give his right arm for a Bob Latchford. Brilliant in the air, Bob did all his work around the six-yard box and would guarantee you 20 to 25 goals a year. Career record: 209 goals in 483 games for Birmingham, Everton and Swansea.

Bob Latchford scored many memorable goals for Everton, including this cracker against Middlesbrough.



FRANK WORTHINGTON (24 goals for Bolton in 1978-79)

Like Rodney Marsh and Stan Bowles, Worthy was unfortunate to be at his peak at a time when the Don Revie revolution was taking place. If you could run at 100 mph for 90 minutes, it didn't matter if you couldn't trap the ball. Worthy was and still is the great entertainer. His incredible skill should have earned far greater credit than he has reaped from a fascinating career which has taken him all over the country. Career record: 232 goals in 721 games for Huddersfield, Leicester, Bolton, Birmingham, Leeds, Sunderland, Southampton, Brighton, Tranmere and Preston.

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PHIL BOYER (23 goals for Southampton in 1979-80)

Like the former Blackburn and Stoke striker Peter Dohing, Phil was a very nippy little player who always managed to get a vital toe in. Career record: 159 goals in 524 games for York, Bournemouth, Norwich, Southampton and Manchester City.

STEVE ARCHIBALD (20 goals for Spurs in 1980-81)

He could have been an even better player than he is, but his attitude is all wrong. Steve is a moody Scotsman. He can't help being Scottish, but he can help being so miserable! To be a great goalscorer you've got to be consistent in attitude, even when things aren't going right. Career record: 58 goals in 131 games for Spurs. Also played for Clyde, Aberdeen and Barcelona.

PETER WITHE (20 goals for Aston Villa in 1980-81)

I've got nothing but admiration for Withie — the exact opposite to Steve Archibald. Here is the perfect example of a player with limited ability gaining the maximum amount through sheer hard work. He won the League Championship, the European Cup, the League Cup and even played for England, yet he wasn't the most gifted player of all time. Career record: 155 goals in 440 games for Southport, Barrow, Wolves, Birmingham, Nottingham Forest, Newcastle, Aston Villa and Sheffield United. Also played for Port Elizabeth, Arcadia Shepherds and Portland Timbers.



*Golden Shoe winner
Luther Blissett.*

KEVIN KEEGAN (26 goals for Southampton in 1981-82)

Like Bobby Charlton and Bryan Robson, I wouldn't include Kevin in a list of great goal scorers because there was so much more to his game. Enjoyed a fabulous career at Liverpool and twice won the European Footballer of the Year award while with Hamburg. Came back to England, and was top scorer at Southampton then lifted Newcastle back into the First Division. Career record: 171 goals in 500 games for Scunthorpe, Liverpool, Southampton and Newcastle. Also played for SV Hamburg.





LUTHER BLISSETT (27 goals for Watford in 1982-83)

Dear old Luther works on the percentage basis. He knows that if he gets into the box 500 times, he'll get the ball 100 times and put it in the net 20 times. Never afraid to miss, Luther won the Shoot/Adidas Golden Shoe in 1983 and a £1 million transfer to AC Milan. Never worked out for him in Italy because he doesn't have the skill to succeed out there, but he's a lovely fella and I'm glad to see he's still doing the business for Watford. Career record: 134 goals in 343 games for Watford. Also played for AC Milan.

Liverpool in 1983-84
One of the all-time greats. No one is in front of Rushie when it comes to goals. Denis Law and Nat Lofthouse are probably the only ones level with him. Certainly the greatest goal scorer since Law quit. Rushie is a goal scoring phenomenon. Liverpool will never find anyone to replace him because he is the best in the world today. Career record: 154 goals in 258 games for Chester and Liverpool.

KERRY DIXON (24 goals for Chelsea in 1984-85)

He enjoyed a couple of good seasons after arriving at Chelsea from Reading and now he's got to prove he can recapture the form which once made him the golden boy of English football. There's no sign of that at the moment and it's important he gets his future sorted out immediately if he's going to get his career back on the rails. Career record: 127 goals in 271 games for Reading and Chelsea.

GARY LINEKER (24 goals for Leicester in 1984-85 and 30 goals for Everton in 1985-86)

I first spotted Gary seven years ago playing for Leicester and knew immediately he was going to be a star. I told three First Division managers, but they all ignored my advice and it wasn't until Everton finally took the plunge that people started to realise just how lethal he is in front of goal. Not quite as good as Rush, but he's on a par with any other goalscorer in world football today. Career record: 125 goals in 235 games for Leicester and Everton. Also played for Barcelona.

CLIVE ALLEN (33 goals for Spurs in 1986-87)

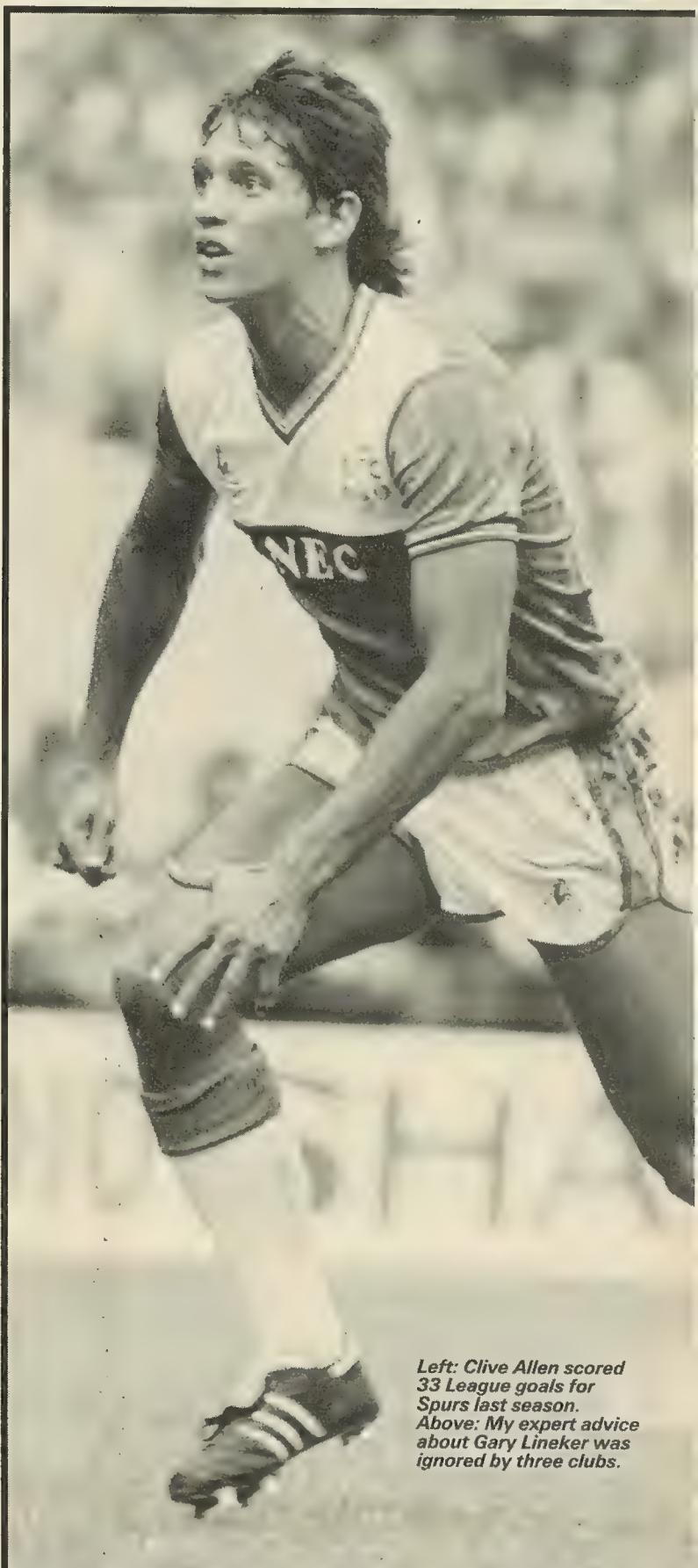
He's done well at every club he's played for. An unspectacular player but he'll always get bags of goals. As soon as he goes two games without scoring, the fans say he's hiding and not pulling his weight. But that's not right. He just wasn't getting the service. Clive is the type of player who relies totally on his team-mates to set him up. Career record: 130 goals in 232 games for QPR, Crystal Palace and Spurs.



IT'S A FACT

ON December 4, 1982, in a Second Division game between Leicester and Fulham, four balls were used in a 30-second spell. One was kicked out of the ground and two rejected as being too soft.

WITH his Football League career drawing to a close and having already made 570 appearances, Steve Whitworth (Mansfield Town full-back) took a penalty against Halifax Town and scored his first-ever League goal on March 23, 1985. He scored another penalty before the season ended and so rounded off his League career with two goals in 583 appearances.



Left: Clive Allen scored 33 League goals for Spurs last season. Above: My expert advice about Gary Lineker was ignored by three clubs.

TOP

As we celebrate their Centenary, try this quiz on the action and personalities of the past 99 years of the Football League.



1. Were Preston, Blackburn or Bolton the first winners of the League Championship in 1888-89?

2. Kenny Dalglish sealed the title for Liverpool in May, 1986, with the winning goal against Chelsea. Was the game played at Anfield or Stamford Bridge?

3. Can you name the oldest existing Football League club?

4. In August 1983, Tottenham beat Nottingham Forest 2-1 at White Hart Lane. What was so significant about this match?

5. Keith Peacock was the first substitute to be used in a League match. Keith was playing for Charlton at the time. Which club is he currently in charge of?

6. Name the first club to win the League and FA Cup double since the War?

7. Who scored Arsenal's winner against Manchester United at Highbury on the opening day of last term?

8. Kevin Keegan (above) formed a formidable partnership with which Welsh striker at Liverpool?

9. Which two stars joined Tottenham in 1978 after helping Argentina win the World Cup?

10. This Northern Ireland international scored a hat-trick on his League debut for Southampton against QPR last season. Can you name him?

11. West Ham manager John Lyall is the League's longest serving boss. Was he in charge of the club when they won the FA Cup Final in 1975?

12. Did Adrian Heath or Andy Gray (right) link up with Graeme Sharp to fire the goals that took Everton to the title in 1984-85?

13. Which club was the first to introduce an artificial pitch in to the League?

14. Did Bristol City or Bristol Rovers slip from the First Division to the Fourth in successive seasons between 1979 and 1982?

15. Leicester City drew with



Arsenal 6-6 at Filbert Street in a League match in 1930. True or false?

16. Who led Aston Villa to the Championship in 1981?

17. Can you identify the player in the white shirt (right) who has gone on to become one of the most important men in English football?

18. Brian Clough has steered two

sides to the League Championship. Can you name the clubs?

19. Was Frank McLintock, Ray Kennedy or John Radford skipper of the Arsenal side that won the Championship in 1970-71?

20. Justin Fashanu became another member of the £1 million brigade when he left Norwich for which First Division club?

21. Which former England manager led Ipswich to the title in 1961-62?

22. Bobby Charlton, Denis Law and a Northern Ireland international formed one of the most exciting attacks in history. Name the missing player and the club he played for.

23. Malcolm Macdonald (far right) made his name with Newcastle but who did he finish his career with?

24. Has goalkeeper Dave Beasant



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been at Wimbledon since the club were elected into the League in 1977?

25. Jimmy Greaves joined West Ham in a deal that took him to White Hart Lane?

26. Were York City, Swindon or Northampton the first club to record 100 points or more in a season?

27. Originally known as Newton Heath they are now one of the biggest clubs in the world. Who are they?

28. Bryan Robson's (right) transfer from West Brom to Manchester United in 1981 ranks him as the most expensive player in League history. What was the fee?

29. Which current Second Division side won the Championship in three consecutive seasons in the 1920s?

30. Stan Bowles and Gerry Francis

played for them and they have used the old White City stadium for home matches. Who are the club?

31. What was so significant about Robert Lee's goal for Charlton in their 2-0 win over Stoke on September 7th, 1985?

32. At which club were Alan Mullery and Bobby Moore team-mates?

33. Who partnered Billy Bremner in the Leeds midfield and then went on to manage the Republic of Ireland?

34. Can you name the last club to be elected to the League before the start of the 1986-87 season?

35. Tottenham's Clive Allen opened his goalscoring account last season with a hat-trick against who?

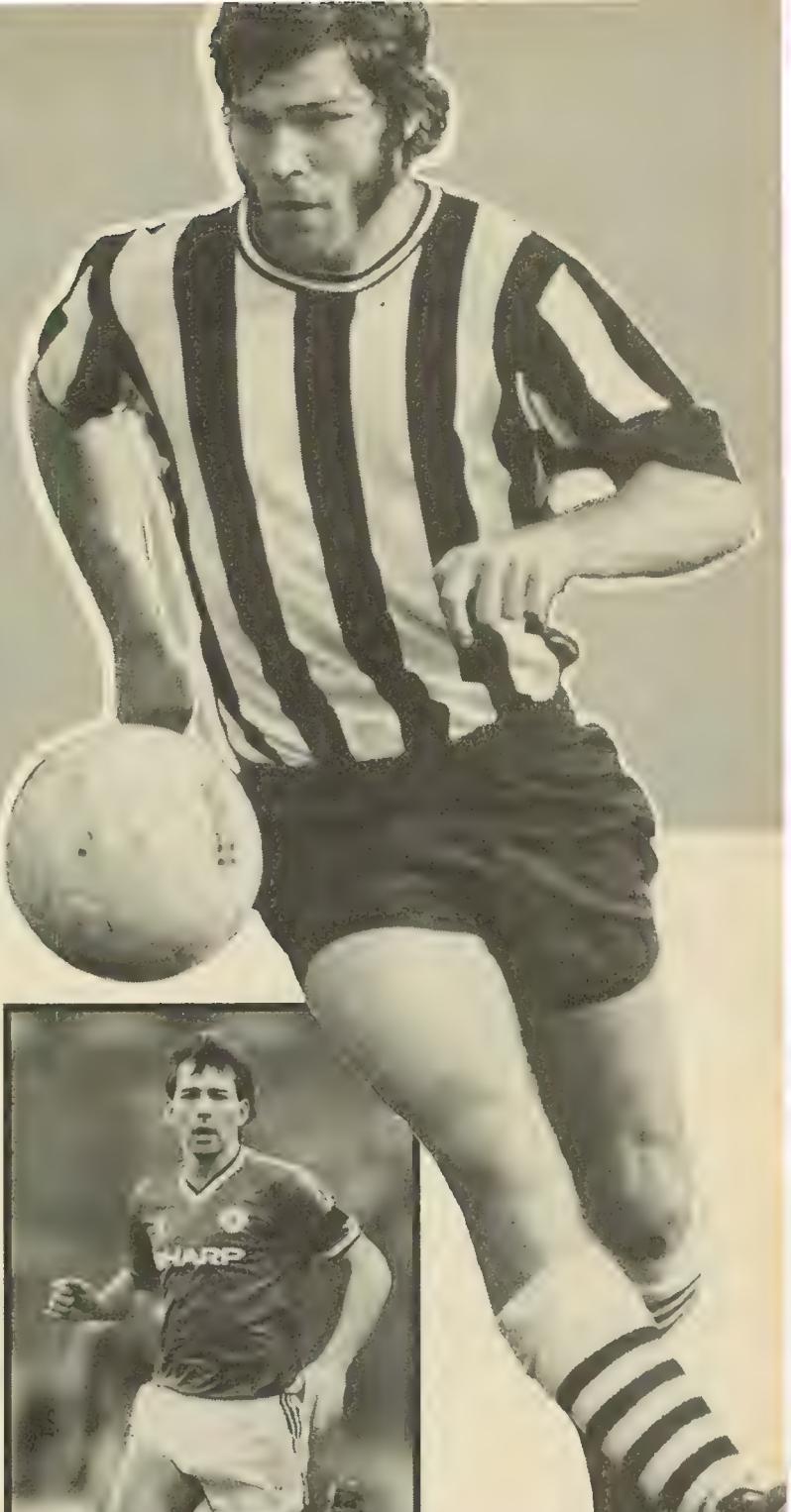
36. What record did Reading achieve when they won 2-0 at Newport in the 1985-86 season?

37. At which club did Portsmouth boss Alan Ball line up alongside Kevin Keegan?

38. Why did Manchester United play at Maine Road between 1941 and 1949?

39. Who replaced the great Gordon Banks as goalkeeper at Leicester?

40. Can you identify this former Arsenal goalkeeper (far right) who has become a TV personality?



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Matt Busby holds the League Championship aloft after Manchester United's win in 1967.



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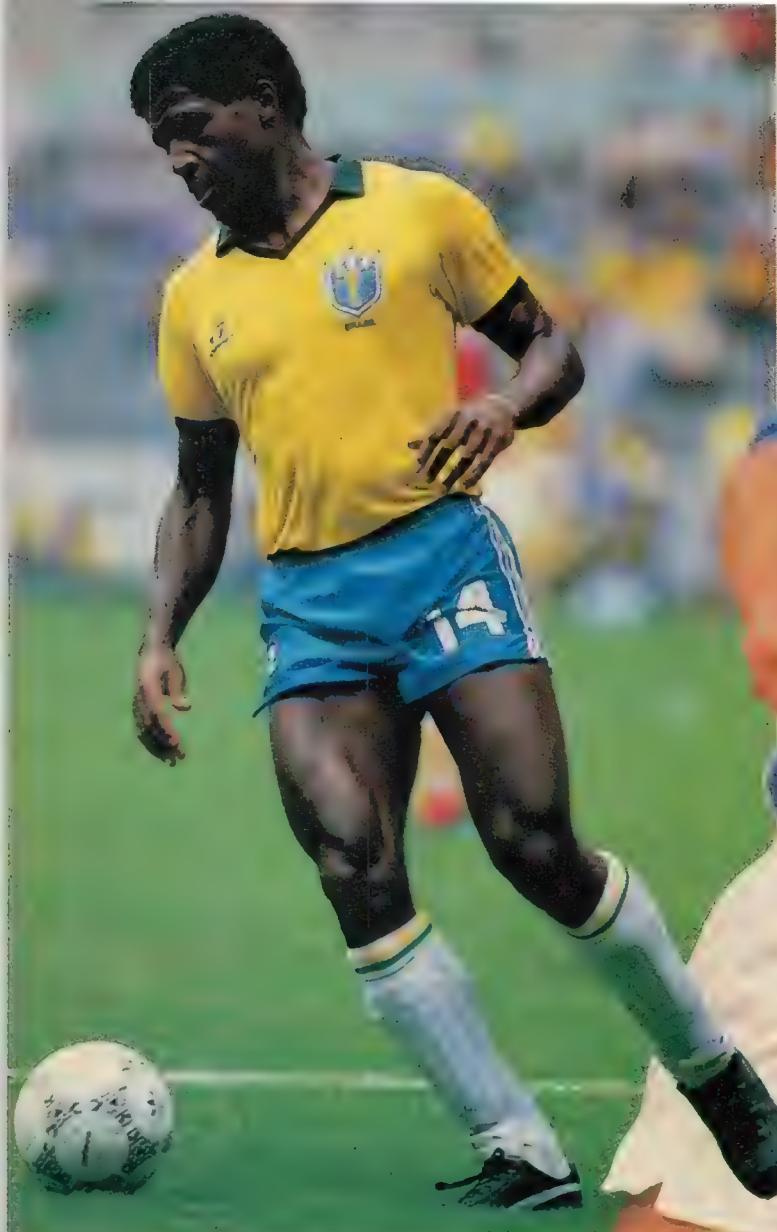
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1889-90a	Preston NE	33	Everton	31	Blackburn R	27
1890-91a	Everton	29	Preston NE	27	Notts Co	26
1891-92b	Sunderland	42	Preston NE	37	Bolton W	36

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1892-93c	Sunderland	48	Preston NE	37	Everton	36
1893-94c	Aston Villa	44	Sunderland	38	Derby Co	36
1894-95c	Sunderland	47	Everton	42	Aston Villa	39
1895-96c	Aston Villa	45	Derby Co	41	Everton	39
1896-97c	Aston Villa	47	Sheffield U	36	Derby Co	36
1897-98c	Sheffield U	42	Sunderland	37	Wolves	35
1898-99d	Aston Villa	45	Liverpool	43	Burnley	39
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1902-03d	The W'nesday	42	Aston Villa	41	Sunderland	41
1903-04d	The W'nesday	47	Manchester C	44	Everton	43
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1908-09e	Newcastle U	53	Everton	46	Sunderland	44
1909-10e	Aston Villa	53	Liverpool	48	Blackburn R	45
1910-11e	Manchester U	52	Aston Villa	51	Sunderland	45
1911-12e	Blackburn R	49	Everton	46	Newcastle U	44
1912-13e	Sunderland	54	Aston Villa	50	Sheffield W	49
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1919-20f	WBA	60	Burnley	51	Chelsea	49
1920-21f	Burnley	59	Manchester C	54	Bolton W	52
1921-22f	Liverpool	57	Tottenham H	51	Burnley	49
1922-23f	Liverpool	60	Sunderland	54	Huddersfield T	53
1923-24f	Huddersfield T	57	Cardiff C	57	Sunderland	53
1924-25f	Huddersfield T	58	WBA	56	Bolton W	55
1925-26f	Huddersfield T	57	Arsenal	52	Sunderland	48
1926-27f	Newcastle U	56	Huddersfield T	51	Sunderland	49
1927-28f	Everton	53	Huddersfield T	51	Leicester C	48
1928-29f	Sheffield W	52	Leicester C	51	Aston Villa	50
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1931-32f	Everton	56	Arsenal	54	Sheffield W	50
1932-33f	Arsenal	58	Aston Villa	54	Sheffield W	51
1933-34f	Arsenal	59	Huddersfield T	56	Tottenham H	49
1934-35f	Arsenal	58	Sunderland	54	Sheffield W	49
1935-36f	Sunderland	56	Derby Co	48	Huddersfield T	48
1936-37f	Manchester C	57	Charlton Ath	54	Arsenal	52
1937-38f	Arsenal	52	Wolves	51	Preston NE	49
1938-39f	Everton	59	Wolves	55	Charlton Ath	50
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1947-48f	Arsenal	59	Manchester U	52	Burnley	52
1948-49f	Portsmouth	58	Manchester U	53	Derby Co	53
1949-50f	Portsmouth*	53	Wolves	53	Sunderland	52
1950-51f	Tottenham H	60	Manchester U	56	Blackpool	50
1951-52f	Manchester U	57	Tottenham H	53	Arsenal	53
1952-53f	Arsenal*	54	Preston NE	54	Wolves	51
1953-54f	Wolves	57	WBA	53	Huddersfield T	51
1954-55f	Chelsea	52	Wolves	48	Portsmouth	48
1955-56f	Manchester U	60	Blackpool	49	Wolves	49
1956-57f	Manchester U	64	Tottenham H	56	Preston NE	56
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1960-61f	Tottenham H	66	Sheffield W	58	Wolves	57
1961-62f	Ipswich T	56	Burnley	53	Tottenham H	52
1962-63f	Everton	61	Tottenham H	55	Burnley	54
1963-64f	Liverpool	57	Manchester U	53	Everton	52
1964-65f	Manchester U*	61	Leeds U	61	Chelsea	56
1965-66f	Liverpool	61	Leeds U	55	Burnley	55
1966-67f	Manchester U	60	Nottingham F	56	Tottenham H	56
1967-68f	Manchester C	58	Manchester U	56	Liverpool	55
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1979-80f	Liverpool	60	Manchester U	58	Ipswich T	53
1980-81f	Aston Villa	60	Ipswich T	56	Arsenal	53
1981-82g	Liverpool	87	Ipswich T	83	Manchester U	78
1982-83g	Liverpool	82	Watford	71	Manchester U	70
1983-84g	Liverpool	80	Southampton	77	Nottingham F	74
1984-85g	Everton	90	Liverpool	77	Tottenham H	77
1985-86g	Liverpool	88	Everton	85	West Ham U	84
1986-87g	Everton	86	Liverpool	77	Tottenham	71

No competition during 1915-19 and 1939-46.

* Won on goal average.



ABOVE: Brazilian defender Julio Cesar's power and thrusting surges in to attack are sure to set the crowd alight. The skilful South American was one of the hits of the 1986 World Cup Finals.



RIGHT: Juventus and Denmark striker Michael Laudrup has the silky skills and frightening pace to upset any defence in the world.

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August 8th the date, Wembley Stadium the venue as Bobby Robson's Football League XI take on a Rest of the World side managed by Terry Venables.

The Barcelona boss will face the toughest team selection of his life with so many stars at his disposal.

"I would like Diego Maradona to play in attack and he seems very keen," says Venables "but who else plays is certainly giving me a headache."

When you realise the talent available you can understand Terry's problems.

Who plays upfront with Maradona? Rush, Laudrup, Van Basten, Lineker and Hugo Sanchez are all in contention.

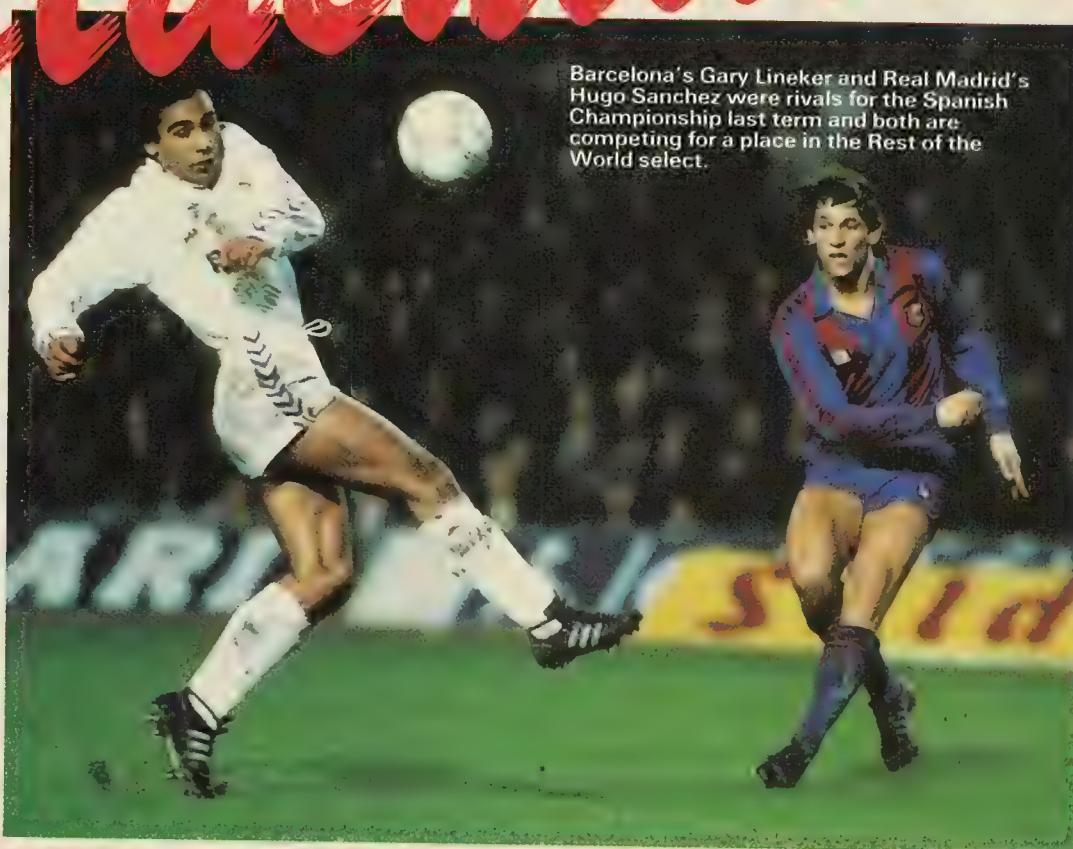
One aspect is certain, the Football League's centenary celebrations couldn't have started in better fashion.

ABOVE LEFT: The King. Main attraction at Wembley will be the appearance of the world's greatest footballer — Diego Maradona. The Napoli star graced our stadium in Argentina's 3-1 defeat by England in 1980. ABOVE RIGHT: France could be represented in the spectacle by their former skipper and idol Michel Platini.

LEFT: New Juventus striker Ian Rush has enjoyed plenty of the Wembley atmosphere and will be keen to show the form that prompted the Italian club to spend £3.2 million to get him. RIGHT: Rangers defender Terry Venables, fresh from his title exploits, is set to appear in Terry Venables' side.

EVERYTHING'S Spectacular!

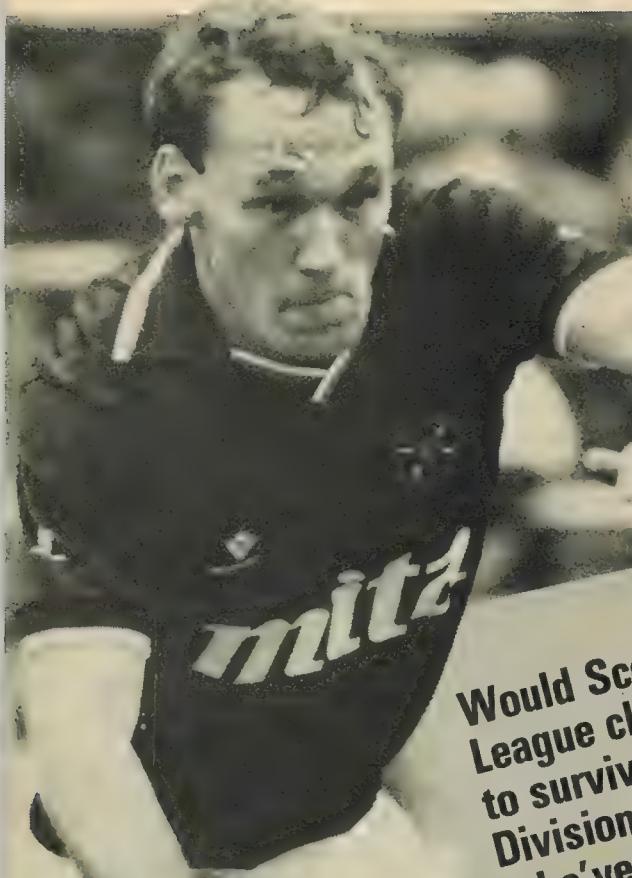
Barcelona's Gary Lineker and Real Madrid's Hugo Sanchez were rivals for the Spanish Championship last term and both are competing for a place in the Rest of the World select.



Spain's most popular team hero Emilio Butragueno is rated highly by Verapex and could feature in the Barcelona manager's plan.



CHAI RA



Would Scotland's Premier League clubs thrive or struggle to survive in the English First Division? We asked four stars who've played in both for their expert verdicts . . .



Former St Mirren striker Frank McAvennie believes Scotland's big four, the 'Old firm' of Celtic and Rangers, and the 'New Firm' of Aberdeen and Dundee United, would do well in the English First Division.

"They would certainly be among the top ten in the table, though I am not sure that they would be title

"The biggest difference down here is that there are more good players, and therefore more good football.

"When I was with St Mirren only the top teams allowed you to play football. The sides struggling for survival just wanted to get the ball from one end to the other as quickly as possible. Most players in English teams don't want to do that."

Sandy Clark (Airdrie, West Ham, Rangers and Hearts)

Clark has experienced football at the highest level in England and Scotland and firmly believes that any of the top five Premier League clubs would be serious challengers in the English First Division.

"English football in general is a bit more competitive and of a higher standard, but I'd back either

BIG FOUR FOR TOP TEN

Frank McAvennie (St Mirren and West Ham)

challengers," says the Scottish international.

Clubs like St Mirren and Hearts would survive in the First Division, but I doubt they could make a big impact."

"Even the clubs that are struggling in the Scottish Premier would do well in the English Second Division.



CHAMPIONS CHALLENGERS

Rangers, Celtic, Aberdeen, Dundee United or Hearts to do well at the top of the First Division," says the Tynecastle striker.

"It certainly would not be a question of survival for them, but some of the clubs near the bottom of the Scottish Premier Division would struggle.

"The build-up here from defence to attack is much quicker. In England most of the sides hold the ball at the back and slowly work it through, although, at West Ham it

wasn't like that. They play exciting and entertaining football, and we play in a similar way to The Hammers at Hearts.

"If I were asked to pick a Scottish team who would win the First Division, it would have to be Rangers at the moment. They have so much money available for players, and player-manager Graeme Souness has bought wisely."

of Chelsea's successful 1985-86 season, and despite their varied fortunes last term, impressed with his pace and control.

"I don't think there is that much difference between the two divisions. There are just more good teams and more good players in England," says Durie.

PART-TIME MISERY

**Graham Roberts
(Tottenham and Rangers)**

Having picked up a Championship medal with Rangers last season, Graham Roberts believes the top Scottish sides would prosper in the First Division.

"I think the big five in Scotland - Rangers, Celtic, Aberdeen, Dundee United and Hearts - would certainly finish in the top ten in the English First Division.

"The likes of St Mirren and Hibernian would survive but sides like Hamilton and Falkirk are only part-timers and they just could not compete at the top level in England."

Roberts joined Rangers from Spurs in December after winning honours with club and country South of the border, and says of his move:

"When I first came to Ibrox, the biggest difference was the faster pace of the Scottish game. However, Rangers are changing that a little by having a more patient build-up."



HIBS STRUGGLE

Gordon Durie (Hibernian and Chelsea)

Chelsea's former Hibs star, Gordon Durie, thinks the top clubs in Scotland would survive in the English First Division but he doesn't hold out much hope for his former team-mates.

"Hibs would definitely struggle," says the Scottish Under-21 international. "Neighbours Hearts would do well to survive, too."

"Rangers could probably mount a serious challenge for the title down South, they have so much potential.

"Celtic and maybe Dundee United, given their performances in Europe, would also do well, and Aberdeen should hold their own."

Durie joined the Blues from Hibernian for £380,000 at the end



THE INFILTR

The Football League has provided a stage for players from all parts of the world.

From Argentina to Zimbabwe, stars have come to England to discover why so many rate ours as the toughest League in existence. Many left without ever making an impression. For others, though, the experience has been rewarding. Here we pay tribute to the League's stars of the world . . .

JAN MOLBY (Denmark)

"A better midfield player than Bryan Robson" was how Ian Rush described Jan Molby in his regular SHOOT column.

Praise is never handed out lightly at Anfield, where Molby has developed into a 'Great Dane' since a £200,000 transfer from Dutch club Ajax in August 1984.

He was an influential member of Liverpool's double-winning side of 1985-86, and played an important role again this time as Kenny Dalglish's men put in their usual bid for glory.

OSSIE ARDILES (Argentina)

Tottenham have a history of introducing foreign stars to the Football League. They are credited as the first club to sign a player from abroad when German Max Seeburg joined in 1908, and Belgium striker Nico Claesen is the most recent import in the First Division after his £600,000 transfer from Standard Liege last October.

Yet White Hart Lane fans are in no doubt about who has been their best-serving foreigner . . . little Argentine ace Ossie Ardiles.

Former Spurs boss Keith Burkinshaw signed Ossie and countryman Ricky Villa within weeks of Argentina's World Cup triumph in 1978, and the inventive midfielder has won many admirers to go with his FA Cup and UEFA Cup winners medals.



ATORS!



Frans Thijssen's silky midfield skills helped Ipswich become a force in the First Division.



ARNOLD MUHREN AND FRANS THIJSSEN (Holland)

Ipswich fans will argue that, no matter what Bobby Robson achieves as England boss, he will be hard-pressed to emulate his success at their Suffolk club.

Under Robson, Ipswich emerged as unlikely contenders for Liverpool's crown as the Football League's top club, winning both the FA and UEFA Cups, and twice finishing runners-up in the League.

And much of this success must go down to Robson's signings of Dutch stars Arnold Muhren (left) and Frans Thijssen, from Twente Enschede for a combined £350,000.

Muhren, whose left foot unlocked the tightest of defences, came to England 12 months before Thijssen, a player of remarkable skill considering his leggy six foot frame.

JOHNNY METGOD (Holland)

Nottingham Forest boss Brian Clough admits he has made a couple of transfer blunders in his time at the City Ground, but he was spot-on when persuading Dutchman Johnny Metgod to leave Real Madrid for Forest in a £225,000 deal in 1984.

Metgod, of the blistering right-foot shot, is easily the most successful of five foreign signings to play for Forest under Clough.

The others: Raimondo Ponte (from Grasshoppers Zurich for £230,000 in 1980); Jürgen Röber (from Bayern Munich for £250,000 in 1981); Hans van Breukelen (from Utrecht for £165,000 in 1982) and Hans Segers (from PSV Eindhoven for £40,000 in 1984).

continued

THE INFILTRATORS!

JESPER OLSEN (Denmark)

England fans watched in horror as Denmark's flying winger dismantled a spellbound English defence in 1982.

Jesper Olsen's late equaliser for the Danes ruined Bobby Robson's first match as international boss and paved the way for a career in the First Division two years later.

Manchester United beat Tottenham in the race for his signature, at a cost of £500,000, and the Old Trafford fans have delighted in the sort of skill they hadn't seen since the days of George Best.



Bruce Grobbelaar (left) and Bert Trautmann (right) have starred in the League after arriving here from foreign lands.

BERT TRAUTMANN (Germany) and BRUCE GROBBELAAR (Zimbabwe)

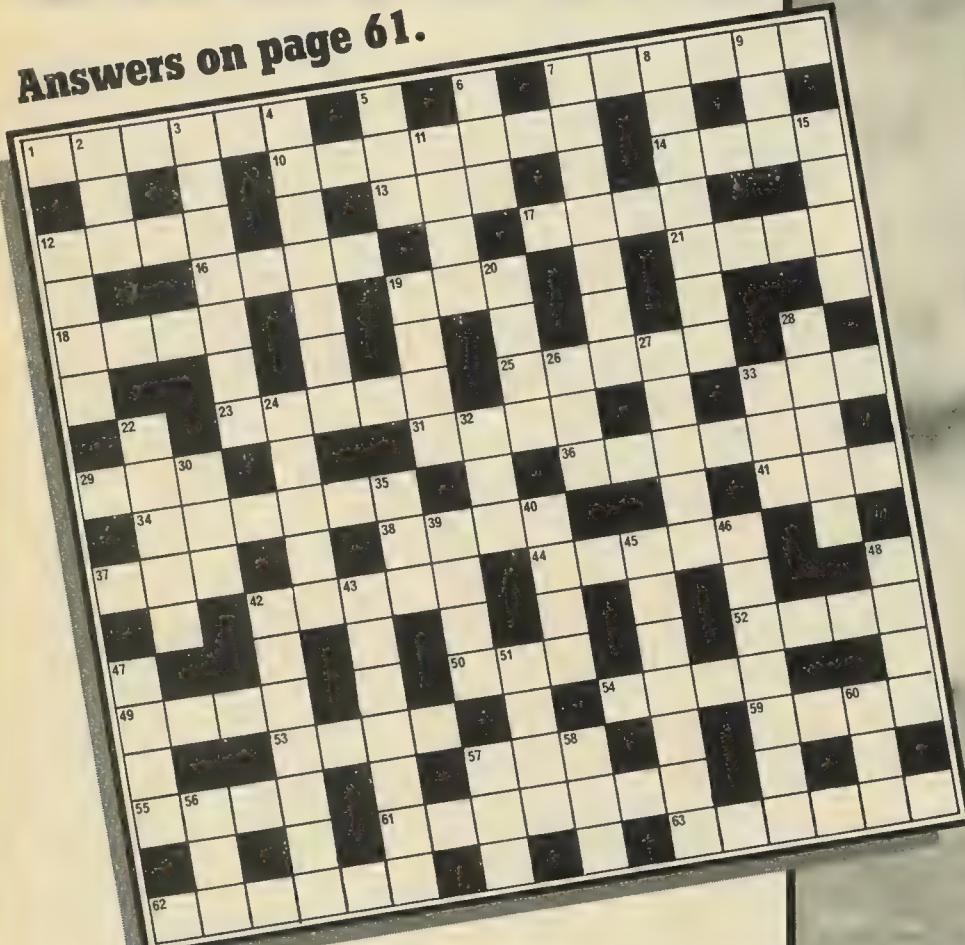
Two men who shared more than their goalkeeping abilities as a common bond. Trautmann was a German para, and a prisoner of war before a notable career with Manchester City, during which he sustained a broken neck in the 1956 FA Cup Final but insisted on completing the match.

Grobbelaar, meanwhile, fought in the Rhodesian Army en route to Liverpool, where his clown-like antics have often overshadowed his reputation as a spectacular 'keeper.



Special League CROSSWORD

Answers on page 61.



CLUES ACROSS:

- Number of clubs who founded the Football League in 1888. (6)
- In 1892 the Football League --- Division was formed. (6)
- Place smaller than town where many a soccer star may first have played. (7)
- What the club names of Grimsby, Luton and Swindon have in common. (4)
- If Norwich, Watford and Wigan make "Nag"; what will Bury, Mansfield and Luton make? (3)
- The 8th, 9th, 4th and 1st letters of Darlington. (4)
- Forename of First Division's top scorer in 1985-86 season (shown above right). (4)
- Level and even, as the Field of Play should be. (4)
- Something to abide by --- like the Laws. (4)
- He was originally the umpire in Soccer. (3)
- Penalty one for instance. (4)
- Looks after. As the groundsman --- the pitch. (5)
- Elude an opponent. (5)
- Keith --- cock (Charlton) was the first substitute used in the League (21/8/1965). (3)
- Part of the foot often used to play the ball backwards. (4)
- Coleman scored a record seven goals as a winger for Stoke City (v. Lincoln City) in 1957. (3)
- City. One of the clubs who had to apply for re-

election to the Fourth Division in 1985-86. (6)

- The 14th, 2nd, 9th, 13th, 4th and 5th letters of Luton's ground. (6)
- Reverse three letters found in Wimbledon to give "a poem". (3)
- The 8th, 6th, 4th and 1st letters of Shrewsbury. (4)
- Park; Reading. (3)
- Remove card from Doncaster and make the remaining letters into a word meaning attack. (5)
- Grip. As the 'keeper might encircle the ball. (5)
- time when the teams change ends. (4)
- First used as part of the goal in January, 1891. (3)
- LEY PARK; ground of Stockport County. (4)
- Secure and protected . . . as all League grounds must be. (4)
- The ---, nickname of Brentford. (4)
- Hired transport to or from a match, perhaps. (4)
- A period of time found in The Rams (Derby County). (3)
- Small children or drinks from Tottenham Hotspur. (4)
- They won the League Championship in 1954-55. (7)
- The 7th, 11th, 5th, 9th, 1st and 6th letters of Manchester City. (6)
- Road Ground, Peterborough United. (6)

CLUES DOWN:

- If Hull, Ipswich and Millwall gave "Him"; what do

Wrexham, Halifax and Orient give? (3)

- The ----- unbeaten sequence of League matches is held by Nott'm. Forest. (7)
- Goodison Park club. (7)
- Start of the last word of WBA. (3)
- Jennings; only British player whose appearances in first-class matches (League and Country) exceed 1,000. (3)
- Road; home of Chester. (7)
- Craven -----, Fulham. (7)
- No score! (3)
- Billy ---, scored three goals in three minutes for Watford against Clapton Orient in 1933. (4)
- Moor. Burnley. (4)
- Surname of holder of all-time League scoring record of 60 goals in a season. (4)
- Juventus' Welsh striker (4)
- Gradually lose one's grip on the game! (4)
- United; League Champions in season 1968/69. (5)
- John; famous chairman of Watford F.C. (5)
- Trafford. (3)
- The totals of fans attending the matches. (5)
- The Villains - Aston -----. (5)
- To " ---" a player, means dropping him. (3)
- What is needed to complete Cr--- Alexandra? (3)
- Special match . . . or, equal score. (3)
- Take three letters from

BURNLEY to make a word for regret. (3)

- Mortensen, famous player with Blackpool. (4)
- By nationality, famous Liverpool manager Bob Paisley. (4)
- In 1925 a new law came into force (leading to the ----- trap). (7)
- In 1981 QPR were the first Football League club to install an artificial -----. (7)
- From 1886 to 1891 their title was preceded by Royal and from 1891 to 1914 by Woolwich (also hold record for number of consecutive years in the First Division). (7)
- First word of name of club from Deepdale. (7)
- Alder----. Fourth Division club.
- The ---. Colourful nickname applied to some League clubs. (4)
- STEVE --- E scored five League goals for Fulham against Halifax on 16th September, 1969. (4)
- The 6th, 1st and 3rd letters of the 4th Division club from Spotland. (3)
- Remove cash from 61 Across and make the remainder into a fish. (3)
- Ron --- man played a club record of 590 League games for Norwich. (3)
- Until 1981 the number of points awarded for a League win. (3)





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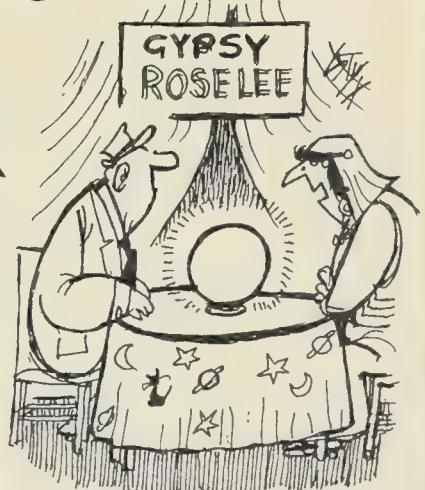
"I hope our new superstar doesn't turn out to be a big head."



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"I think I've found why he keeps blasting it over the bar, boss — he's got funny feet."



"Saturday will be a turning point in your career — the football team you manage will lose 10-0."



"We've got two minutes before kick-off."



IT'S A FACT

THE attendance for the 110th Manchester derby game last season, 48,619, was the lowest for 32 years for a League game between these two sides at Old Trafford. The weather and City's low League position no doubt affected the crowd total. In 1954-55, when only 47,914 turned up, both sides were

among the top six in the First Division.

FULHAM'S proposed merger with QPR last season was not the first such move for the club. In 1910 their director Henry Norris took over Woolwich Arsenal and promptly proposed a merger of the two clubs with Arsenal moving from their Plumstead ground to Craven Cottage. This was immediately rejected by the Football League, as was his other proposal that they should play on alternate Saturdays at Craven Cottage.

Sensational Sunderland

There have been a lot of shock results in 100 years of the Football League, but none of these have been more shattering than Sunderland's win at Newcastle on December 5, 1908.

Perhaps the fact that this was a derby game added an extra dimension to the result but it has certainly gone down in history as a game never to be forgotten.

In December, 1908, Newcastle United were on their way to their third Championship win in five years.

Even though Sunderland were just on the way back after three seasons in the doldrums nobody in the 60,000 crowd at St. James' Park had any inkling of what was to come as the players took the field.

To set the scene we must go back a couple of games. Newcastle had lost 2-0 at home to Aston Villa, a defeat which saw them slip to third place.

Six out

So, for their visit to Nottingham Forest they dropped no less than six of the team and introduced five reserves plus new signing Albert Shepherd, a centre-forward recently signed for a substantial fee from Bolton Wanderers.

The moves seemed to have paid off for they beat Nottingham Forest 4-0. So it was decided to retain the same line-up for the local derby.

Sunderland took the lead but with Shepherd equalising from the penalty-spot shortly before the interval there was still no indication of anything exceptional.

However, Sunderland regained the lead three minutes after the resumption and proceeded to overrun Newcastle so completely that they scored eight goals in a spell of 28 minutes!

To this day their 9-1 win is the record away victory in the First Division. Newcastle managed to recover from the disaster, going on to win the Championship.

Sunderland's scorers that afternoon were Bill Hogg 3, George Holley 3, Arthur Bridgett 2 and Jackie Mordue.

Drake's seven

Early 70,000 fans were at Villa Park for Arsenal's visit on December 14, 1935.

The Gunners were the game's greatest attraction, having won the League Championship in each of the previous three seasons and were pressing for a fourth consecutive win.

Villa had been making desperate efforts to get away from the lower regions of the First Division by spending record amounts of money on new players.

In the month before this game they had signed five, including three internationals. As it turned out those who jammed into Villa

FLASH

Magic moments from

Red-hot Summers

Which is the only side in League history to have scored six goals in a game and still lost?

The answer is Huddersfield Town and it happened in one of the most astonishing games ever seen. Indeed, it happened on a ground no longer used for League football — The Valley, former home of Charlton Athletic, on December 21, 1957.

Astonishing

What made this such an astonishing game apart from the fact that the losers scored six, was that Charlton Athletic lost their skipper Derek Ufton with a dislocated shoulder after only 15 minutes (these were the days before substitutes) and, therefore, played with only 10 men.

Still more amazing is the fact that at one stage Charlton found themselves 5-1 down!

The hero of their remarkable fight-back was Londoner Johnny Summers who so tragically died four-and-a-half years later when

only 34.

The 12,000 crowd were not the least bit surprised when at the interval Charlton's 10 men were losing 2-0, and indeed, may have felt some sympathy when in a devastating spell of seven minutes after the restart another four goals were scored — three of them by the Yorkshire visitors who appeared to be having a field day.

It was during this spell, however, that Johnny Summers began to run into form.

He had scored Charlton's first goal and from then on he chased everything. Summers scored a second and provided the opening for centre-forward John Ryan to hit the third.

Summers then stunned Huddersfield scoring a further three goals giving Charlton a 6-5 lead.

It is difficult to imagine the excitement of the occasion, for with only two minutes to go Huddersfield made it 6-6.

But in the last minute, Summers latched on to the ball and released John Ryan to score Charlton's winner — 7-6!

League



Park were glad they didn't miss this particular encounter for they were privileged to see one of the finest individual efforts in League history.

Bustling

Arsenal's centre-forward, Ted Drake, a real bustling player if there ever was one, scored all his side's goals in a 7-1 victory.

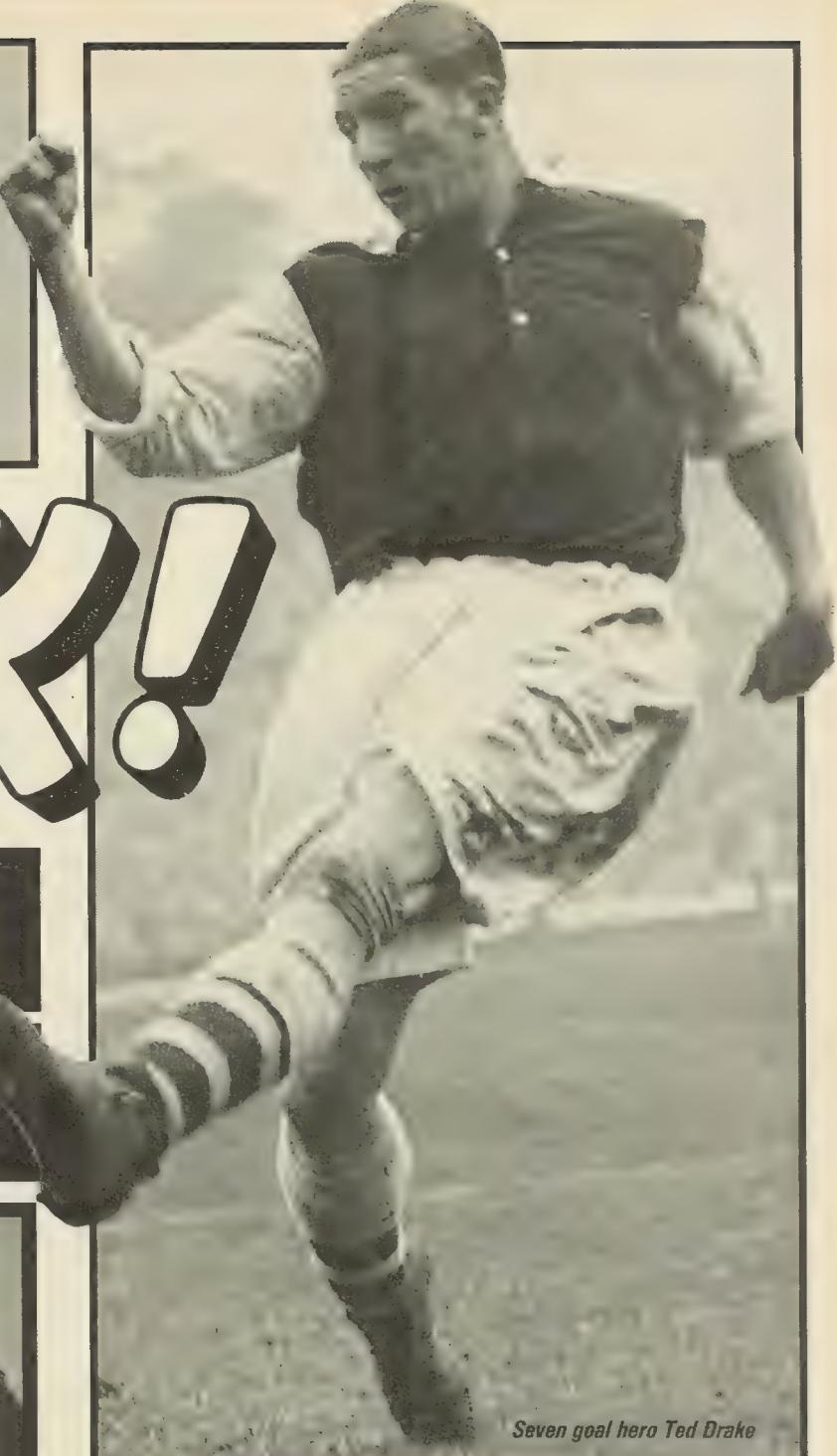
Even Villa's new centre-half Tommy Griffiths, the Welsh international captain, could do

nothing to stop Drake that afternoon.

The Southampton-born hero got three goals in the first-half and added another two in five minutes after the re-start.

Between his sixth and seventh goals Jack Palethorpe scored one for the Villa and Drake also hit the bar with another of his cracking drives.

Seven goals with eight shots, and away from home, too!



Seven goal hero Ted Drake

BACK!

From Football to history

Ray Kennedy and Frank McLintock celebrate Arsenal clinching the Championship in 1971 with a 1-0 win at Spurs.



Gunners glory

One of the greatest finishes to the League Championship occurred in 1970-71.

With 10 games still to play Arsenal were six points behind Leeds United the team that seemed certain to win the title for the second time in their history.

Indeed, most of the Leeds side at the time had collected Championship-winning medals two years earlier.

However, if they thought they were going to win the title this season, they had reckoned without the dogged determination of an Arsenal side which won nine games in a row towards the end of the

campaign, before losing 1-0 in a dramatic encounter at Leeds when the Londoners claimed that Jackie Charlton had been offside when scoring the winner.

However, a TV play-back showed the referee was correct, but it was an incident which spurred Arsenal on to even greater deeds.

When it came to Arsenal's final League game on May 3, 1971, who should they be meeting but their deadliest rivals Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane.

Leeds had finished their programme and were a point ahead of The Gunners who, however, had

CONTINUED OVER

a superior goal average and, therefore, only needed to draw at White Hart Lane to win the Championship.

Fortunately, Arsenal played to win that evening when, with nearly 52,000 inside, the gates were closed half an hour before the kick-off.

Spurs were determined to spoil Arsenal's chance of emulating their League and Cup double 10 years earlier, Arsenal being due at Wembley in the FA Cup Final against Liverpool five days later.

What a cliff-hanger this turned out to be, for there was still no score with only three minutes remaining when Arsenal took a corner and Ray Kennedy thumped in a header to win glory for The Gunners.

At the end of that week Arsenal came from behind to beat Liverpool 2-1 in extra-time at Wembley Stadium and complete what was then only the fourth double in history.

Here's the team that brought glory back to Highbury.

Wilson; Rico, McNab; Storey (Kelly), McLintock, Simpson; Armstrong, Graham, Radford, Kennedy, George. Manager Bertie Mee.

Garry Birtles scored twice as Forest hit the record books with a victory over Wolves in 1978.



Forest's r

Unfortunately Wolves, third from bottom in the First Division, were not a great attraction for one of the most significant games in Football League history, and the attendance at Nottingham Forest's ground on October 7, 1978, was a little below their average at 29,313.

Having won the Football League Championship the previous season there was not much doubt that Forest at this time were fielding the finest side in their history.

They went on to achieve further

glory that season winning the European Cup and the League Cup, repeating their European Cup victory a year later.

To return to the game with Wolves, this had taken on a history-making glow because it gave the talented Forest side the opportunity of breaking the all-time Football League record of 34 games without defeat, held by Leeds United in 1968-69.

Clough's concern

In 1978-79 Forest had won two and drawn six of their first eight games, and the fact that they had not been scoring at the same rate as in the previous campaign was undoubtedly causing manager Brian Clough some concern although they were sixth in the table.

He introduced a new face into the attack, Garry Birtles, who had only played once before a couple of season's



'ecord run

earlier, and also returned Larry Lloyd and Ian Bowyer to the side.

The situation had immediately improved and against Wolves, Garry Birtles was the star turn, scoring two brilliant goals in a 3-1 victory.

Among the spectators that afternoon was Ferenc Puskas the former Hungarian star then managing AEK Athens who Forest were to beat 7-2 on aggregate in the European Cup.

The Forest side which broke Leeds United's record that day was Peter Shilton, Viv Anderson, Frank Clark, John McGovern, Larry Lloyd, Ken Burns, Martin O'Neill, Archie Gemmill, Garry Birtles, Tony Woodcock (Ian Bowyer) and John Robertson.

Forest, of course, went on to extend their unbeaten record to 42 games before losing at Liverpool. Creating one of the most amazing records in Football League history.



How appropriate it was that Liverpool's player-manager Kenny Dalglish should score the winning goal when it really mattered — on May 3, 1986, when Liverpool had to win at Chelsea to be sure of the League Championship for the 16th time and a crack at the double.

FANTASTIC

The fans obviously appreciated the historic nature of Liverpool's final League game of 1985-86 for the attendance of 43,900 was the highest for a League game at Stamford Bridge for over eight years.

While Liverpool were out to win, Chelsea were certainly not going to give it away as a victory by them would help West Ham's

chance of bringing the title to London.

The visitors got stuck into their task from the first whistle and Tony Godden in the Chelsea goal had to save from Kevin MacDonald and Craig Johnston before being beaten by King Kenny Dalglish in the 23rd minute.

It was a historic victory and opened the way for Liverpool to complete the League and Cup double the following Saturday by beating Everton 3-1 in the first all-Merseyside FA Cup Final.

The team that won the League title at Stamford Bridge was Bruce Grobbelaar, Gary Gillespie, Jim Beglin, Steve Nicol, Ronnie Whelan, Alan Hansen, Kenny Dalglish, Craig Johnston, Ian Rush, Mark Lawrenson and Kevin MacDonald.

Insert Jan Molby to the exclusion of Gary Gillespie and you have the side that beat Everton to win the Cup at Wembley.

BELOW: Dalglish scores the winner against Chelsea and then celebrates with the League trophy (left) as Liverpool win the double in 1986.





THE DO

SCOTLAND UNITED

ANDY GORAM
ALAN HANSEN
RON YEATS FRANK BRENNAN
GRAEME SOUNESS DAVE MACKAY JIM BAXTER
CHARLIE COOKE DENIS LAW KENNY DALGLISH BOBBY MITCHELL
Sub: JOHN WHITE

ANDY GORAM

Born Bury 13.4.64. League clubs: WBA, Oldham. League Games 186, Goals 0. Scotland caps 3. Goalkeeper.

It says a lot about Scottish goalkeepers when I select a young fella who was born in England and played all his League football South of the border.

With this side you probably wouldn't need a 'keeper, but Andy possesses safe hands, he's fast off his line and reads situations quickly.



FRANK BRENNAN

Born Annathill 23.4.24. League club: Newcastle. League Games 318, Goals 3. Scotland caps 7. Central-defender.

At 6ft 3in and about 15 stone, nothing passed Frank during his days with Newcastle and Scotland, because for a fella of his size he was extremely quick.

Big and strong in the air, with the courage of two lions and a will-to-win to match. A draw was never enough for Big Frank.



Tommy Docherty selects a team of Scots to take on the world

The Doc, once Scotland's boss, had a simple brief: select a side of Scottish internationals made up of players who have starred in the Football League.

His side would compare with any great team, and when asked whether it would win the First Division Championship, the Doc replied: "It would probably win it twice in one season - and then collect the World Cup for Scotland."

The Doc could see only two problems affecting his side. "With

names like Yeats, Souness, Mackay and Brennan we'd probably be up before the League's disciplinary committee at the end of the season," says the Doc with a smile.

"And if ever Baxter and Mitchell were in the mood, they'd keep the ball between them for the whole of the first half."

Probably the only surprise choice is Oldham's Lancashire-born goalkeeper Andy Goram.

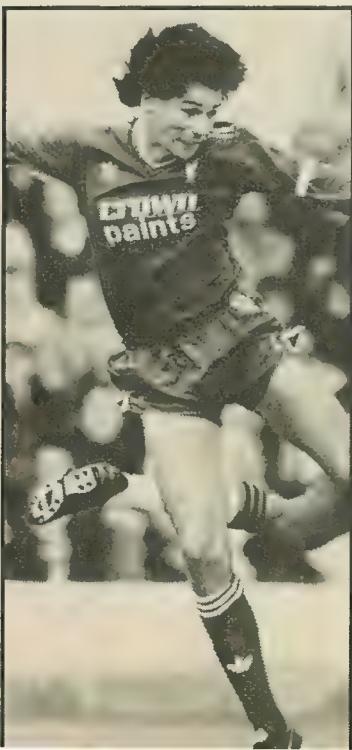
"That just about sums up the problem we've had with 'keepers over the years," jokes the Doc.

ALAN HANSEN

Born Alloa 13.6.55. League club: Liverpool. League Games 358, Goals 7. Scotland caps 26, Sweeper.

What a classy player to have sweeping up behind the big centre halves . . . he's the closest thing we have in Britain to another Franz Beckenbauer.

It is a travesty that he hasn't won more Scottish caps.



DAVE MACKAY

Born Edinburgh 14.11.34. League clubs: Tottenham, Derby, Swindon. League Games 417, Goals 48. Scotland caps 22. Midfield.

The captain in my team of captains, Dave was a born fighter who loved his football. I remember him making his debut for Scotland in Spain in 1957 - he had a chipped ankle bone yet refused to come off the pitch.

CS'S DOZEN

"Yet this lad - who is only 23 - is a great prospect for the future. I know Jim Leighton has never let Scotland down, but I feel Andy should be upgraded now."

Between them The Doc's super Scots have amassed less than 350 international appearances. Not many considering Kenny Dalglish's 102 caps.

The Doc adds: "It's criminal, and just goes to show how many bad managers Scotland have had in the past."

Yet both the Doc and SHOOT are sure that if present boss Andy Roxburgh could get his hands on a time machine, his side might look something like this . . .

JIM BAXTER

Born Glasgow 29.9.39. League clubs: Sunderland, Nottingham Forest. League Games 134, Goals 13. Scotland caps 34. Midfield.

Couldn't tackle . . . couldn't head a ball . . . but with his left foot he could open a tin of beans, never mind the opposing defence.

This fella would add that touch of genius to my midfield.

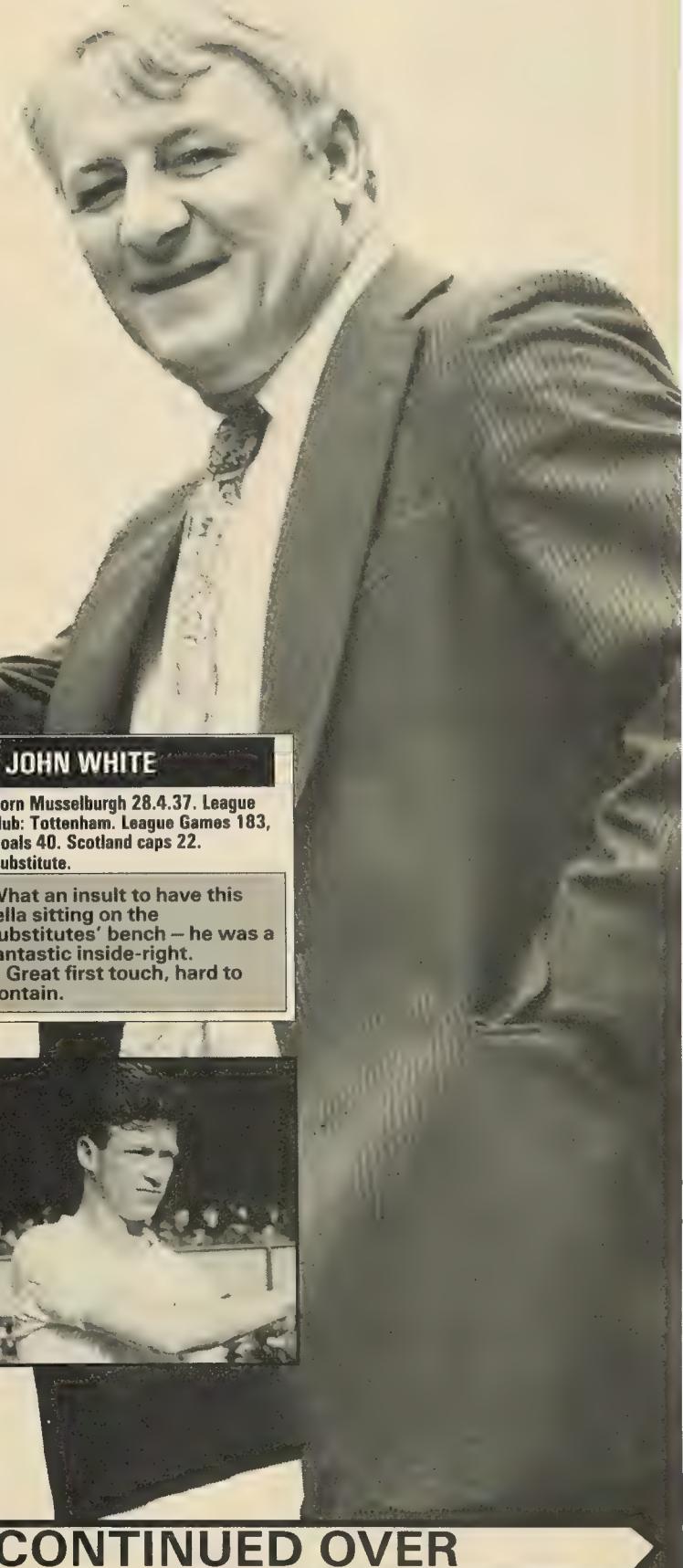


BOBBY MITCHELL

Born Glasgow 16.8.24. League club: Newcastle. League Games 367, Goals 95. Scotland caps 2. Left-wing.

A genius. He used to beat a full-back so emphatically with his body swerve that the poor fella had to pay to get back in the ground.

Yet he only just gets in my team ahead of Eddie Gray of Leeds. Watching both players on form was like studying poetry in motion.



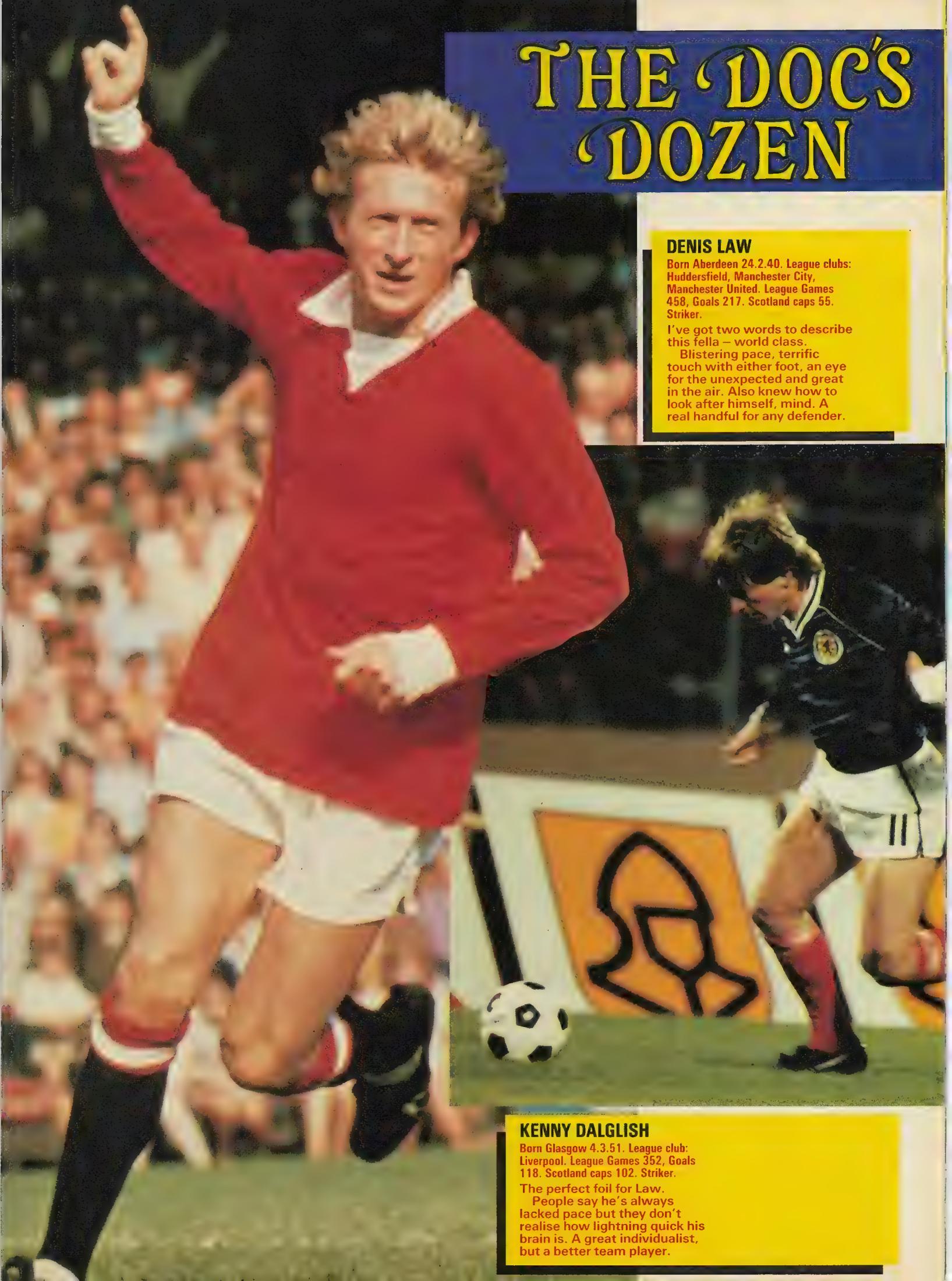
JOHN WHITE

Born Musselburgh 28.4.37. League club: Tottenham. League Games 183, Goals 40. Scotland caps 22. Substitute.

What an insult to have this fella sitting on the substitutes' bench - he was a fantastic inside-right. Great first touch, hard to contain.



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THE DOC'S DOZEN

DENIS LAW

Born Aberdeen 24.2.40. League clubs: Huddersfield, Manchester City, Manchester United. League Games 458, Goals 217. Scotland caps 55. Striker.

I've got two words to describe this fella - world class.

Blistering pace, terrific touch with either foot, an eye for the unexpected and great in the air. Also knew how to look after himself, mind. A real handful for any defender.

KENNY DALGLISH

Born Glasgow 4.3.51. League club: Liverpool. League Games 352, Goals 118. Scotland caps 102. Striker.

The perfect foil for Law.

People say he's always lacked pace but they don't realise how lightning quick his brain is. A great individualist, but a better team player.



CHARLIE COOKE

Born Fife 14.10.42. League clubs: Chelsea, Crystal Palace. League Games 331, Goals 22. Scotland caps 16. Right-wing.

A wonderful dribbler and a marvellous entertainer, and for such a wee fella he was strong and very quick. Little to choose between Charlie and that wing wizard Jimmy Johnstone of Celtic.

GRAEME SOUNESS

Born Edinburgh 6.5.53. League clubs: Tottenham, Middlesbrough, Liverpool. League Games 308, Goals 39. Scotland caps 54. Midfield.

What a gutsy combination in the middle of the park . . . and Graeme would be my vice-captain.

A great player: Strong, courageous, a real tough nut, yet at the same time a player with great vision.

RON YEATS

Born Aberdeen 15.11.37. League clubs: Liverpool, Tranmere. League Games 456, Goals 22. Scotland caps 2. Centre-half.

When Bill Shankly signed Big Ron from Dundee United he told me that if Ron never made the grade as a centre-half he'd sell him to Hollywood for their next Tarzan picture.

Ron was 6ft 4in and weighed about 14½ stone and, as you'd expect, he didn't let much past him.

DESPITE THE successes of the five double-winners, Arsenal's visionary manager Herbert Chapman, and the Liverpool dynasty of the last 20 years, the most remarkable feat in the Football League's 99 years of action is arguably that of its second youngest club.

Wimbledon's rise from non-League obscurity to First Division fame in a mere 11 years is fairy-tale stuff, but as well as giving hope to every little club in the never-never dreamland of part-time football their exploits underline two growing trends in the League.

Despite the almost permanent Merseyside location of the Championship trophy and yearly echo of Scouse accents around Wembley, football's balance of power has subtly shifted South.

Not one Southern club was in the League when it began in 1888 — last season more than half of Division One came from South of Birmingham.

Among them were Wimbledon and Oxford, two of the six clubs who have joined the League since re-organisation in 1958 when Division Three (North and South) became Divisions Three and Four.

As our map shows, five of the new sides were from the South while all those thrown out were from the North.

Last season, for the first time, saw GM Vauxhall Conference winners, Scarborough, winning automatic promotion to the Fourth Division replacing Lincoln.

Wimbledon's miracle-working ex-manager Dave Bassett welcomes the opening up of the League.

"Now the sky's the limit," he says. "Clubs have got the opportunity, the system is there for them."

Peterborough were the newcomers' pathfinders, entering the League in 1960. They won the Fourth Division Championship at the first attempt and have yo-yoed

WIMBLEDON'S WONDERMEN:
The Londoners, with striker John Fashanu playing a key role, shocked the big boys in their debut season in the First Division.

Oxford's young star Ron Atkinson.

'Little' Wimbledon shock giants

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between Divisions Three and Four since.

Oxford United followed. They had only just changed their name from Headington United, but as former Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson, then a player at Oxford, remembers: "The club was very ambitious.

"Oxford were geared to going into the League and had been full-time for some years. The town had expected League football for a while."

Atkinson later moved on to Cambridge as manager, a few years

after they had become the next club to enter the League. He started their run from Division Four to Two where they stayed for six seasons before slipping back.

Two years later Hereford, encouraged by the club's famous FA Cup run of 1971-72 when they knocked out First Division Newcastle, were elected to the League.

In their team was David Icke, then a 20-year-old goalkeeper, now a BBC TV presenter.

"We had some fantastic gates," recalls Icke. "Only a First Division

club could match the atmosphere and the fans' adulation. We had 14,000 against Newport and regularly played in front of 10,000. We even had 2,500 for reserve game in the West Midlands League."

Hereford won promotion in their debut season, but Icke adds: "We brought in a few players and the side changed quite a bit."

The last entrant before the introduction of automatic promotion was Wigan, the North's only fresh face. Cup exploits aided their selection, too, though it



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followed a season when they came only second to Boston in the Northern Premier League.

Joe Hinnigan, now with Gillingham, came into the League with Wigan. He recalls: "Boston's ground didn't come up to standard, so we were put forward. Some people thought we had got in by default and Boston were sick."

Wigan replaced Southport who last season competed in the Northern Premier (now Multipart) League alongside Barrow (ejected from the Football League in 1972) and Workington (1977).

Hereford's FA Cup exploits helped them gain election to the League in 1972.

Best placed amongst the rejects to regain their League place, lost in 1960, were Gateshead who, playing in the GM Vauxhall Conference, would have been automatically promoted if they had been Champions — instead they faced relegation.

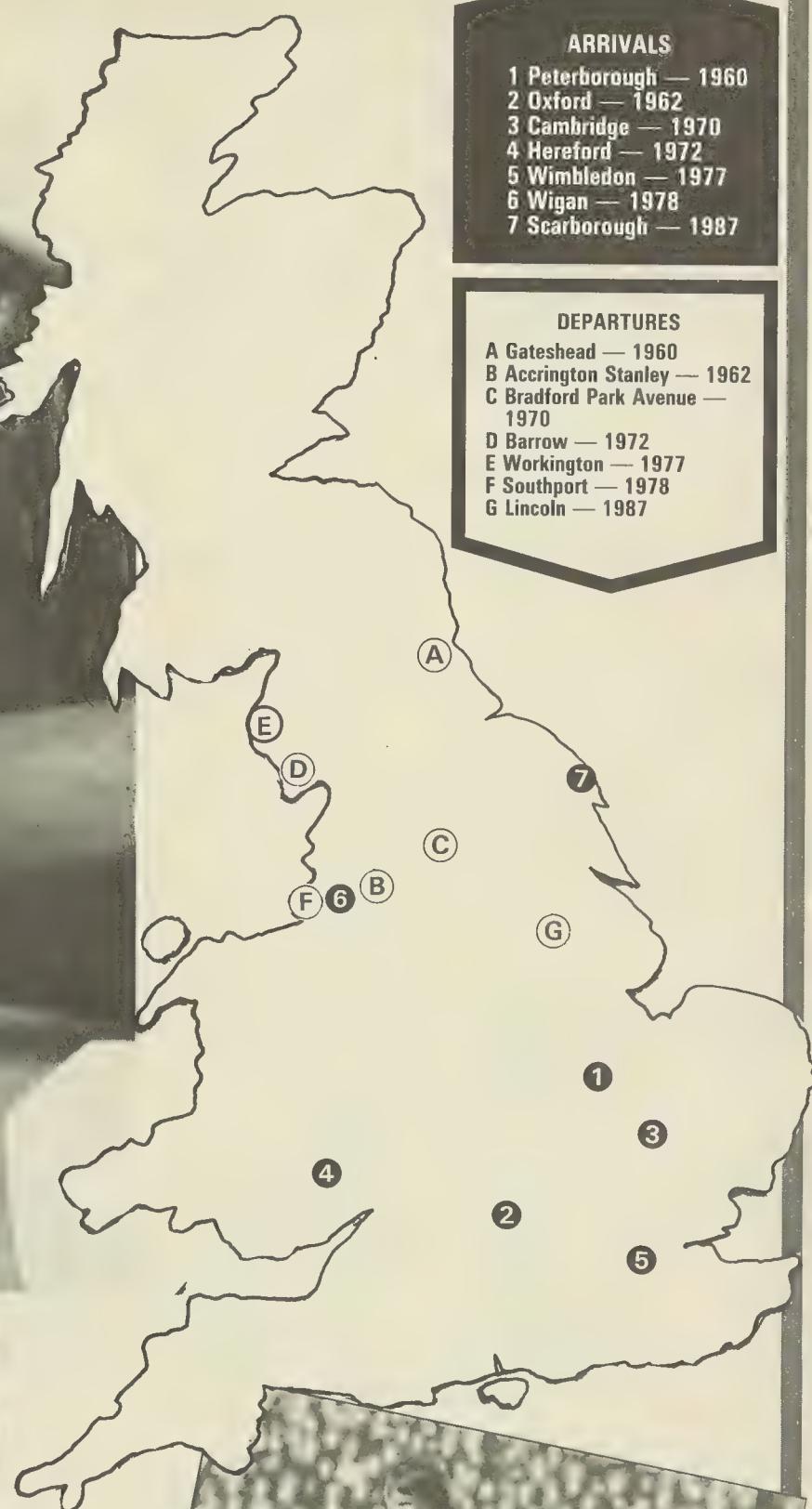
Bradford Park Avenue, who left the League in 1970 and Accrington Stanley, one of the original 12 League clubs, who left in 1962, no longer exist as football clubs.

ARRIVALS

- 1 Peterborough — 1960
- 2 Oxford — 1962
- 3 Cambridge — 1970
- 4 Hereford — 1972
- 5 Wimbledon — 1977
- 6 Wigan — 1978
- 7 Scarborough — 1987

DEPARTURES

- A Gateshead — 1960
- B Accrington Stanley — 1962
- C Bradford Park Avenue — 1970
- D Barrow — 1972
- E Workington — 1977
- F Southport — 1978
- G Lincoln — 1987



Tribute to the League's long-serving

Peter Shilton, England's most capped goalkeeper, is on the brink of another record that is an even greater tribute to his ability to stand the test of time.

The evergreen 37-year-old Southampton star is well on the way to becoming only the second man to notch up 800 Football League appearances and, by the time the League celebrates its Centenary next April, Shilton could beat Terry Paine's record of 824 matches.

Ironically Terry made 713 of those appearances for Southampton, before ending his career with Hereford United.

Shilton's achievement is not bad for a player who, as a teenager, feared he might never make the grade in professional football.

He recalls: "I was worried about my height, so I used to do special stretching exercises in the hope that I might grow a bit. I even swung from the bannisters."

It might have worked because Shilton developed into a strapping six footer and made his League debut for Leicester aged 16½, at the end of the 1965-66 season.

Shilton's subsequent record is remarkable when you consider that this next season will be his 23rd. In other words his career spans almost 25 per cent of the League's entire history.

Almost inevitably his performances for The Saints last season drew criticism in some quarters, notably from Gordon Banks, who felt that his one-time rival for the England goalkeeper's

jersey was past his best.

Shilton disagrees, believing he will still be playing for England when he's 40.

And those who know him will endorse that view, because the great man is as fit as ever.

He says: "A footballer can be unlucky with injuries, but there's no harm in taking precautions. Football is like everything else — it's all about percentages, and I think you've got to try and get every single percentage on your side."

Almost every footballer, manager and fan can recall at least one Shilton save during his career. The

HAND IT TO



Shilton closes down the angle to save superbly at the feet of Sheffield Wednesday striker Carl Shutt.



master 'keeper

'keeper himself reckons one of his greatest League matches was at Loftus Road in 1974, when he helped Leicester to a goalless draw.

His performance was so good that the QPR players applauded him off the pitch.

BELOW: The 'keeper was at his brilliant best in Leicester's goalless draw at QPR in 1974.

Shilton still vividly remembers the best of his seven world class saves that day, in a one-on-one situation with striker Don Givens.

"We both did the right thing," recalls Peter. "I'd stood up for as long as possible, giving my defender Steve Whitworth time to get behind me, when Givens shaped to shoot.

"I dived but Givens took the ball around me. Then, when he thought he'd beaten me, he shaped to shoot again, but I dived from behind him to push the ball away with my hand.

"Givens stood there dumbfounded."

He hasn't been the only one. And that is why Shilton is still rated as the world's best goalkeeper.

Shilton's League record

Season	Club	Games
1965-66	Leicester City	1
1966-67		4
1967-68		35
1968-69		42
1969-70		39
1970-71		40
1971-72		37
1972-73		41
1973-74		42
1974-75	Stoke City	5
1974-75		25
1975-76		42
1976-77		40
1977-78		3
1977-78	Nottingham Forest	37
1978-79		42
1979-80		42
1980-81		40
1981-82		41
1982-83	Southampton	39
1983-84		42
1984-85		41
1985-86		37
1986-87		29

SHILTON!

All-time Top Ten

824	TERRY PAIN 1957-77 (713 Southampton, 111 Hereford)
786	PETER SHILTON 1965-87 (286 Leicester, 110 Stoke, 202 Nottingham Forest, 188 Southampton)
777	ALAN OAKES 1959-84 (565 Manchester City, 211 Chester, 1 Port Vale)
770	JOHN TROLLOPE 1960-80 (Swindon)
764	JIMMY DICKINSON 1946-65 (Portsmouth)
762	ROY SPROSON 1950-72 (Port Vale)
757	PAT JENNINGS 1962-85 (48 Watford, 472 Tottenham, 237 Arsenal)
747	RAY CLEMENCE 1965-87 (48 Scunthorpe, 470 Liverpool, 229 Tottenham)
744	ALAN BALL 1963-84 (146 Blackpool, 208 Everton, 177 Arsenal, 195 Southampton, 17 Bristol Rovers, 1 Portsmouth)
743	JOHN HOLLINS 1963-84 (465 Chelsea, 151 QPR, 127 Arsenal)

825

TARGET

THE STORY NEVER TOLD...

TOM FINNEY was the most complete footballer of his generation. His breathtaking skills would fetch a cool £1 million in today's transfer market.

Born in Preston on 5th April, 1922, Finney's dazzling footwork on either touchline for Preston North End and England made him one of the world's most dangerous wingers for 15 years after the last War. He won 76 England caps, scoring 30 goals, which included a four goal haul against Portugal in 1947.

Preston converted him to centre-forward in 1957-58 and he rewarded them with 26 goals. He was Footballer of the Year twice, in 1954 and 1958.

Today, he is President of his beloved Preston; Chairman of the Preston Area Health Authority; and still runs the plumbing, heating and electrical business that earned him the nickname, the 'Preston Plumber'.

Let me tell you a story to show how much the game has changed since the days when I kicked a ball for England and Preston North End.

England held Italy to a 1-1 draw in Florence in May 1952. Ivor Broadis scored our goal and the England team that day contained Alf Ramsey, Billy Wright, Jimmy Dickinson, Nat Lofthouse, Stan Pearson and Billy Elliott.

After the game I was approached by an agent acting for the Italian League club Palermo.

"Come and play for us," he said. "We will give you a £10,000 signing on fee and a two year contract."

I was staggered. When you're earning about £12 a week, that's a lot of money.

But I turned them down to continue my career at Preston.

I made the decision after the Preston chairman warned: "You play for us or nobody at all."

And that was that.

In those days you didn't argue. Had I gone to Palermo, I would have beaten Eddie Firmani and



By TOM FINNEY

John Charles to Italy by several years.

Football has changed so dramatically since my era from 1946-60 that I wonder sometimes if it is the same game that gave me so much pleasure.

Take the case of Nottingham Forest's Franz Carr, a Preston lad who went to Blackburn, then Nottingham Forest and finished up at loggerheads with Brian Clough, one of the game's best managers, when he'd been in professional football five minutes.

I know it's a short career but I wondered whether Carr had the

same love of football I enjoyed all those years.

One major aspect of the game has definitely not changed. Those teams with the most skill will be the most successful.

West Germany, Argentina twice, and Italy, the last four World Cup winners, were all high-skill teams.

A country will not win the World Cup unless they have plenty of skill. England will not win the World Cup unless they improve their skill.

We relied on outstanding individuals in my day. Today there is more emphasis on team play – and the game is the poorer for that.

We wanted to win as much then as Liverpool do today, but the result was not quite so important. Fear has crept into the game.

The game is still all about skill. Just look at Maradona. You'd see goals like the second one he scored against England in the World Cup in my First Division days.

There will never be any substitute for Bobby Charlton, Denis Law, Jimmy Greaves and George Best, players who came after me.

The fans today and yesterday have always loved to watch skilful players. They love to see a forward go past a defender.

Of course the game is faster. Of course there is more emphasis on stopping attackers. People have said to me 'Oh, Tom, you wouldn't be able to cope with the pace of today's game'.

Let me say this once and once only. Tommy Lawton, Raich Carter, Stanley Matthews, Wilf Mannion and Neil Franklin would have been able to play football in any age.

A skilful team will beat a workhorse outfit nine times out of ten. I am not suggesting you need a team full of ball wizards, just four or five beautiful players such as those wearing the Hungarian shirt in the Puskas era.

Bobby Robson knows the score. I

wanted me



Stanley Matthews on the wing for Blackpool against Charlton at a packed Valley in 1957.

back of defences.

The greatest, most skilful, England attack I played with was the one that beat Italy 4-0 in Turin in May 1948.

From right to left it read: Matthews, Mortensen, Lawton, Mannion and me. I managed to score twice and Lawton and Mortensen completed the rout.

They talk about behaviour today. Do you know, Italy didn't even have the good manners to turn up to the match banquet.

That same England attack destroyed Portugal 10-0 in Lisbon the previous May. Lawton and Mortensen scored four apiece.

Stan Matthews and I were supposed to be deadly rivals. We never were, you know. We were naturally gifted ball players but had very different styles.

I scored goals and created them. Stan was a marvellous, fantastic player, the George Best of his day.

There is too much emphasis on managers today. When did a

Bobby Robson is making the most of resources available.

The biggest advance can be seen in the improvement of football kit. All shirts were made for six footers in my day. When I took my shorts off, the Preston shirt fell to my knees!

I still shudder when I think of the effort needed to take corners with a sodden ball, whacked into the penalty box by a boot weighing half a ton. Believe me, there is no excuse for not turning on the skills with today's lightweight equipment.

Television has been good for the game. My television, in the early Fifties, had never heard of zoom, or panning. You'd see the player but you never saw the ball pass to another player. It was like a series of stills.

Today's TV panellists are good. Jimmy Hill gets some stick, but he knows what he's talking about. I have a great respect for him.

Hugging and kissing has become a feature of the game. Whereas we

would exchange a handshake, they jump on top of each other today.

I could see it coming, even in my time. It came from the Continent. There's nothing wrong, providing players don't gesture to the crowd to inflame things on the terraces.

More players are sent-off but the game is played at a faster pace and it is difficult to judge tackles to perfection when the game is played in a whirlwind.

Believe me, no modern defender tackles any harder than Jimmy Scouler (Newcastle), Tommy Docherty (Preston), Alex Forbes (Arsenal), Alf Sherwood (Cardiff), Tommy Banks (Bolton), Stan Willemse (Chelsea), and George Young (Glasgow Rangers).

Examining the 100 years of Football League action, I have to say that I would not have chosen to play in another era.

I would have played the game for nothing, but I have a little regret about not going to Italy.

Glenn Hoddle looking every inch a world class player against the USSR.



'You play for us or nobody at all'

warned the chairman

think he is building a very good England team. He knows all about flair. I wish Glenn Hoddle had been given an extended run in his earlier days, but he's getting the breaks now and is doing nicely.

John Barnes and Peter Beardsley are fine players, and Gary Lineker reminds me of my England teammate Stan Mortensen, a quicksilver finisher in his day. I still haven't seen a more lethal finisher than Greaves.

Bryan Robson is a natural leader. No England player has suffered more injuries than him. Hopefully, he's through the worst.

I am pleased that wingers can still flourish. Steve Coppell shone the torch with Manchester United and England, and now players like Barnes and Pat Nevin, Chelsea's Scottish winger, are showing their skills on the touchline. You need men like Nevin to get round the

manager win a game for you?

Brian Clough has impressed me. He has done a tremendous job at Nottingham Forest. I admire David Pleat, Graham Taylor, Kenny Dalglish, and Preston's favourite son, Howard Kendall.

Howard is a nice lad with a sound knowledge of the game. I also rate Preston's manager, John McGrath, who deserved to take them out of the Fourth Division last season.

The trouble today is that managers get the blame for the failings of players. That must be wrong.

I rated Alf Ramsey the player, and the manager. He made that fatal mistake of pulling Bobby Charlton off in the game against West Germany in the 1970 World Cup Finals . . . and we paid the price.

But he did a tremendous job and

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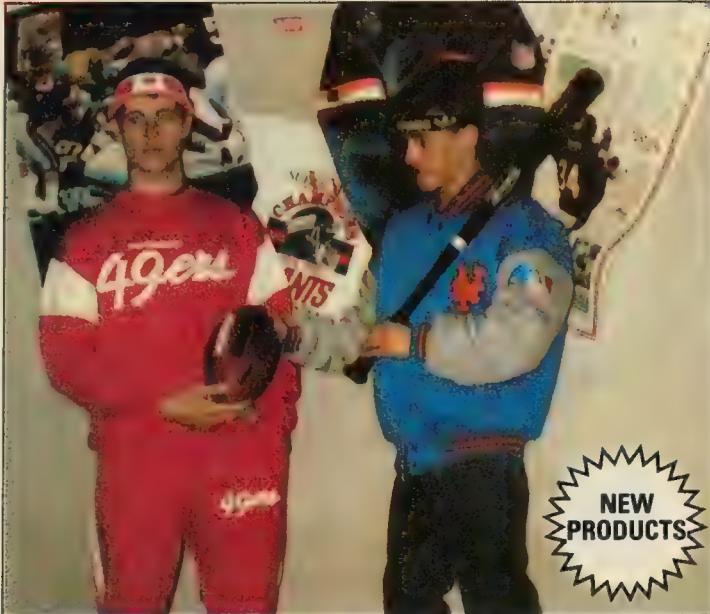
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CENTENARY DIARY

SHOOT'S own special tribute to the Football League's birthday is the prelude to a year-long celebration in British football - and everyone is invited to join in the fun.

Footballers, managers, coaches, pop stars, showbiz celebrities and football supporters will all take an active part in wishing the Football League the happiest of birthdays.

The oldest football League in the world celebrates its Centenary on April 17, 1988 and, starting soon, English soccer will be in the party mood.

Special challenge matches, pop concerts and fun runs are all on the menu, with all profits being pumped back into the game.

League President Phil Carter says: "The income will be allocated in areas aimed at developing the game, with the emphasis on youth, coaching, training and administrative systems.

"We are talking about the best team game in the world. It deserves the best we can offer to safeguard the next 100 years of football."

The event will be sponsored by Mercantile Credit - Britain's leading finance company - who are



Happy birthday!

YOU can join

in the fun

pumping £750,000 into the programme.

After a swish black-tie dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel on August 7, the celebrations kick-off at Wembley in front of a packed house on Saturday, August 8, when Bobby Robson's Football League XI take on a Rest of the World side managed by Terry Venables and containing Diego Maradona.

Everton v. Rangers

The Centenary circus then moves North three months later with the 'Centenary Challenge' match between last season's Today League Champions Everton and the winners of the Scottish League, Rangers.

Then the spotlight moves back to Wembley for a unique two-day event in April, 1988. For the first time in history every Football League club will take part in a six-a-side knockout competition.

The final football event links the top eight clubs in this season's Today League in another knockout

tournament, named the 'Centenary Trophy.'

Stars from music and showbiz will also contribute. The Royal Albert Hall hosts a glittering Gala Concert in October and Wembley Arena stages four Festival Concerts just before the League's 100th birthday in April next year.

And the event in which everyone can play a major part will be held on September 20, which will be declared 'Fun Run Day.'

On the day each of the 92 clubs will hold two-and-a-half mile runs in which players, supporters and celebrities will take part in jogs to and from their local clubs. Supporters will be invited to seek sponsorship, giving them a perfect opportunity to help their team.

Main attraction at Wembley on August 8th will be Argentine superstar Diego Maradona.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- August 7, 1987: Centenary Dinner (Grosvenor House Hotel, London)
- August 8: Football League v Rest of the World (Wembley)
- September 20: Fun Run (to be staged at each League Club)
- October 1: Showbiz Gala Concert (Royal Albert Hall)
- November 25: Today League Champions 1986-87 v Scottish League Champions (venue to be announced)
- April 13-16, 1988: Festival Pop Concerts (acts to be announced, Wembley Arena)
- April 16-17: Football League six-a-side tournament (Wembley)
- August 6, 10, 13: Football League Centenary Trophy (various venues)



★ SUNDERLAND STEVE CRAM

Steve Cram has supported Sunderland for 20 years and has no hesitation in naming the 1973 FA Cup Final win against mighty Leeds United as his most cherished memory in that time.

"I was too young to go to Wembley that day, but I watched the game on television with my folks at home. It was a marvellous occasion," says the world mile and 2,000 metres record holder.

"Nobody gave Sunderland a chance, but they overcame the odds and shocked the footballing world with a famous victory."

Cram watches as many Sunderland games as possible, fitting visits to Roker Park into his busy training and racing schedules.

Charlie Hurley and Dennis Tueart are the players who have given Cram the most pleasure watching from the terraces. Now he enjoys going into the players' lounge to have a chat with his current heroes after matches.

STAR

Celebrities talk about the

★ EVERTON ED STEWART

One of Everton's most well-known and likeable fans, radio disc-jockey Ed, started his passion for the Goodison Park club in possibly one of their darkest hours.

Ed, affectionately known as "Stewpot", admitted feeling sorry for Everton after he had seen them humiliated 6-0 at Chelsea in 1948.

"Everton didn't stand a chance that day. Roy Bently scored twice and caused havoc in the 90 minutes," recalls Ed.

Unlike many fans, Ed has played with the team he worships. His dream chance came in Mick Lyons' testimonial a few years ago. "I was honoured to play because he was such a likeable chap," says Ed.

★ WATFORD ELTON JOHN

Watford's flight-path from Division Four obscurity to main-line status in the First Division is one of the most incredible tales in football. And it all happened after rock star and life-long Hornets fan Elton John (right) became chairman.

"Rocket Man" Elton's association with Watford has been a unique number one hit, since joining the board 11 years ago, culminating in an FA Cup Final appearance in 1984.

He is not simply another millionaire with money to pour into a football club. He says: "I'm very emotional about Watford. I used to storm out of the ground when we were beaten, but I've learned to snap out from these depressions after all winning isn't everything."

Talking about Watford's phenomenal rise, Elton adds: "When things happen to us, we don't sit around congratulating ourselves. We know we have more work to do."



★ ARSENAL TOM WATT (alias 'Lofty' of EastEnders fame)

Tom is a mad-keen Arsenal follower, who remembers watching The Gunners for the very first time.

"It was against Nottingham Forest in 1965 that I fell in love with the club.



★ BRIGHTON DES LYNAM

One personality who knows about the "ups and downs" of supporting a football club is BBC Grandstand presenter Des Lynam (left).

"I have followed Brighton and Hove Albion for 35 years, in which time they have played in every Division of the Football League.

"The club's best period was after Alan Mullery joined for the first time in the 1970s. It was a very good side with quality players like Mark Lawrenson, Steve Foster and John Gregory.

"Peter Ward probably gave me the

most pleasure. He played with a great innocence and naivety, like a free spirit. It was a terrible shame that his natural talent ebbed away as soon as he realised football was not so easy."

Lynam counts the 1983 FA Cup Final and replay against Manchester United as the high-point of his association with the Seagulls.

"I didn't work during both Finals. I just sat in the stands and enjoyed the occasion as a real punter.

"Naturally I was very disappointed at the club's relegation last season. I'll still support the Seagulls and hope they sort themselves out and make a determined effort to get back next season."

★ TOTTENHAM WARREN MITCHELL (alias Alf Garnett)

Warren (below) is a keen Spurs supporter, although when he is playing the part of cantankerous old Alf, it has to be as a West Ham fanatic.

The star of television programmes such as "Till Death Us Do Part" and "In Sickness and In Health" admits: "Spurs have been my club ever since my father taught me to sing 'C'mon you Lillywhites' when I was three.

"My fondest memory of the club is the double-winning side of 1960-61 and Arthur Rowe's push-and-run team.

"However, the disappointments stay in your mind as well. I can recall the time when Spurs were relegated in 1935. Our family didn't speak for a week."



CHOICE

their favourite League clubs . . .

★ CRYSTAL PALACE DAVID 'KID' JENSEN



The Capital Radio disc jockey is a Crystal Palace supporter and is president of the Palace Supporters' Club. Until recently, however, he followed Queens Park Rangers.

He says: "Occasionally I would fly to London during my Radio Luxembourg days to see Rangers, but I did not like the idea of their plastic pitch.

"Palace invited me to present the prizes at a penalty competition, I stayed to watch the game and Palace won. I was struck enormously by how friendly the club was, and now I go along to Selhurst Park as much as possible.

"I have not been an Eagles fan for too long, so picking a 'most memorable' match is hard, but the 6-0 victory over Birmingham last season would rate very highly."

★ CHELSEA DENNIS WATERMAN (alias Terry McCann in "Minder")

Dennis (below) is blue through and through. The television star, a Chelsea fan, has also worked and played at Stamford Bridge.

He recalls: "I played in Peter Bonetti's testimonial some years ago and I actually scored a goal. Mike Summerbee passed the ball to me and I just thumped it as hard as I could into the net.

"I was born in Putney and I used to alternate between going to watch Fulham one week and Chelsea the next.

"I went to Athens with a few mates to see the lads draw with Real Madrid in the 1971 European Cup Winners' Cup Final. Unfortunately I missed Chelsea's 2-1 win in the replay because I had to work."



Joe Baker scored our goal in a 1-1 draw. Arsenal was only a short walk away from where I lived and I decided that they had to be my club.

"I'm now a season ticket holder at Highbury. When I was younger, I used to travel to away games, but nowadays I just go to the odd match in London. Liam Brady is the best footballer

I've ever seen and who can forget the fantastic double-winning side of 1970-71? I can't get over the fact Chippy's now at West Ham.

"And Charlie Nicholas? The man is a genius. I once saw him score a brilliant goal against Chelsea. He lobbed the keeper from 40 yards! I certainly hope he stays at Highbury."

Bad time

BRYAN ROBSON'S

WE look forward to the Football League's Centenary season with the game in a far healthier condition than it was when I made my debut in the big time in the 1975-76 season.

We go into this special season of celebrations with a genuine belief that our national sport is looking good again.

People will always tell you that football was better in the past. So far as I'm concerned, the game is better today than in my first season with West Bromwich Albion.

Football hooliganism was beginning to take a grip. I remember Chelsea fans going on the rampage at Luton that season in an attempt to get the match abandoned because their team were losing.

A load of fans were arrested at Stoke where Manchester United were the visitors, and trouble flared that season at the first Premier Division game between Celtic and Rangers.

The soccer authorities were so concerned with the rising tide of violence that they discussed plans for the first time to introduce identity cards for fans.

Politicians discussed football in the House of Commons and police and magistrates took more interest in the game than ever before.

The game itself was in a sorry state, too. England had not appeared in a World Cup for five years when I came into the game.

Hero

They had failed to qualify for the 1974 Finals in West Germany and it was soon obvious that they weren't good enough to make the 1978 Finals in Argentina.

Sir Alf Ramsey, a great hero of my youth, had gone and Don Revie, a superb club manager from Leeds United, was in charge of England with Gerry Francis his captain.

The transfer system was beginning to get out of hand. It was not long before League clubs would be spending £1 million, and just up the road from The Hawthorns, a certain Trevor Francis was being talked about as a possible £1 million buy.

Little was I to realise that I would command the biggest ever fee in moving to Manchester United a few years later.

Bargain buy

There were wise buys as well, of course. Liverpool, who won their ninth title to overhaul Arsenal's record in my debut season, signed Kenny Dalglish from Celtic for a bargain £440,000 in 1977.

I don't think I've seen a better British player than Dalglish, a model for any youngster and someone who taught the rest of us a few lessons as well.

It certainly wasn't a rosy picture in my early days even though I was in seventh heaven at The Hawthorns, playing the game I had loved since boyhood at the highest level.

The progress we have made in the last year or so has been

talking about the problem 10 years ago have acted! It is no longer talk as we can see from newspapers who report the court cases and the prison sentences dished out by the Judges.

At my own club, we have seen something of a minor miracle in

which a once notorious element has been silenced. Manchester United supporters are amongst the best in the First Division these days.

And out of the tragedies at Bradford and Brussels has come a greater awareness of the need for ground improvements and better



ABOVE: Tommy Caton – a bargain buy for Oxford at £160,000.

RIGHT: One of the best strikers in the world – Gary Lineker.

remarkable . . . and that is why I am quietly confident we are on the road to recovery.

I won't say we have destroyed the menace of hooliganism because it has a habit of rearing up unexpectedly, but in talking to the police who handle security at Manchester United, I gain the impression that we are conquering the evil that has damaged our reputation abroad.

All those authorities who were



S are over

verdict on the state of the game

crowd control.

I know that the nasty bunch who hook on to England, calling themselves supporters, are still a major embarrassment to us all, but they really are in a minority and every effort is being made to get rid of them.

We face the supreme test in West Germany at next year's European Championships. I can tell you that the England team would rather play in an empty stadium than have to perform in front of English hooligans.

The transfer system is far more sensible these days. Your best players will always go for staggeringly high fees. It was no surprise when Arsenal spent £800,000 on Alan Smith, a proven First Division goal-scorer.

But there will always be room for the shrewd dealers, often associated with smaller clubs, who have to survive on their wits.

Oxford United's manager Maurice Evans did well last year in snapping-up Dean Saunders from Brighton for £60,000 and Tommy Caton from Arsenal for £160,000.

Good, sound dealing and a welcome return to commonsense after the bank-busting days of the Seventies which left clubs like Manchester City in so much trouble.

Ten years ago England were struggling; today we can beat any country in the world.

We can certainly approach next year's European Championship with a great deal of optimism. The squad is the strongest I have known in my seven years as an international player.



Bobby Robson's great achievement has been to build a 'club spirit' in the camp, a remarkable effort when you think we only play eight or nine matches a year.

I think we can go to Italy in 1990 and take that World Cup from Argentina.

In Gary Lineker we have one of the world's best strikers. We have

the world's best goalkeeper in Peter Shilton, and in Terry Butcher we have Europe's best centre-back.

Glenn Hoddle will show Europe he is one of the top midfield men in the game next season, and the whole England set-up is geared to success, not only next year, but in five or 10 years.

Bobby Robson has built for the future . . . and we want to reward him with a few major trophies.

Other things impress me. The decision by the Football League to reduce the number of First Division clubs to 20 is a major breakthrough. It will give our players more time to perfect their skills in training.

If the Football League can continue to arrange blank weekends before major England matches, we will do our best to justify their help.

I have said in my SHOOT column that I expect the European ban to be lifted soon. Any player will tell you that our exile from the major Euro tournaments is a body blow to our careers.

But these Centenary celebrations, where we show the rest of the world what we have given to the game and what we intend to give in the future, can only enhance our chances of getting back into Europe.

The 1988-89 season? I desperately hope so.

There is so much good happening in football at the moment, I am hoping the newspapers and television will use this special year to reflect football's good points.

There's plenty to look at, lads. Make no mistake about it, the bad times are over!

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Preston. 2. Stamford Bridge. 3. Notts County. 4. It was the first game covered live on TV that was played on a Sunday. 5. Gillingham. 6. Tottenham. 7. Charlie Nicholas. 8. John Toshack. 9. Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa. 10. Colin Clarke. 11. Yes. 12. Andy Gray. 13. QPR. 14. Bristol City. 15. True. 16. Ron Saunders. 17. Bobby Robson. 18. Derby and Nottingham Forest. 19. Frank McLintock. 20. Nottingham Forest. 21. Sir Alf Ramsey. 22. George Best, Manchester United. 23. Arsenal. 24. No. 25. Martin Peters. 26. York. 27. Manchester United. 28. £1,500,00. 29. Huddersfield. 30. QPR. 31. It was Charlton's last goal at The Valley before their move to Selhurst Park. 32. Fulham. 33. Johnny Giles. 34. Wigan. 35. Aston Villa. 36. Southampton. 38. Because Old Trafford was damaged by a bomb during the War. 39. Peter Shilton. 40. Bob Wilson.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1) Twelve. 7) Second. 10) Village. 12) Town. 13) Bat (1-2-3). 14) Told. 16) Gary (Lineker). 17) Flat. 18) Rule. 19) Ref. 21) Area. 23) Tends. 25) Dodge. 29) Pea. 31) Heel. 33) Tim. 34) Exeter. 36) Detail. 37) Ode. 38) Uses. 41) Elm. 42) Onset. 44) Clasp. 49) Half. 50) Net. 52) Edge. 53) Safe. 54) Bees. 55) Taxi. 57) Era. 59) Tots. 61) Chelsea. 62) Scheme. 63) London.

DOWN: 2) Who. 3) Longest. 4) Everton. 5) Alb. 6) Pat. 7) Sealand. 8) Cottage. 9) Nil. 11) Lane. 12) Turf. 15) Dean. 19) Rush. 20) Fade. 22) Leeds. 24) Elton. 26) Old. 27) Gates. 28) Villa. 30) Axe. 32) Ewe. 33) Tie. 35) Rue. 39) Stan. 40) Scot. 42) Offside. 43) Surface. 45) Arsenal. 46) Preston. 47) Shot. 48) Reds. 51) Earl. 56) Arc (Rochdale). 57) Eel. 58) Ash. 60) Two.

We are conquering the hooligan element that threatened to ruin football.

20 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW

1 Everton have won the League Championship nine times – a feat bettered only by fierce rivals Liverpool, who have lifted the title on 16 occasions.

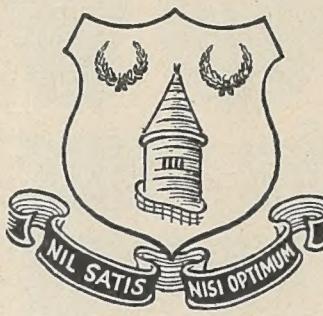
2 The club was formed in 1878 by Sunday School Methodists and was known as St Domingo's. They played at Stanley Park without proper changing rooms, the goalposts had to be collected from nearby Mill Lane, and the pitch markings were mapped out by the players.

3 After the name was changed to Everton 12 months later the team played in black shirts with a wide scarlet sash and became known as 'The Black Watch'. Subsequent club colours included salmon pink and ruby red before Everton settled on royal blue.

4 Everton moved to Anfield Road in 1884 – now the home of Liverpool – but switched to Goodison Park in 1892 when the Anfield landlords raised the rent. The Goodison site cost £8,090 and further work on the ground amounted to £4,000.

5 They were among the 12 founder members of the Football League in 1888 and have only spent four seasons in the Second Division. Of that pioneering dozen only newly-promoted Derby County and Everton will start next season in Division One.

6 Everton have reached the FA Cup Final ten times but have



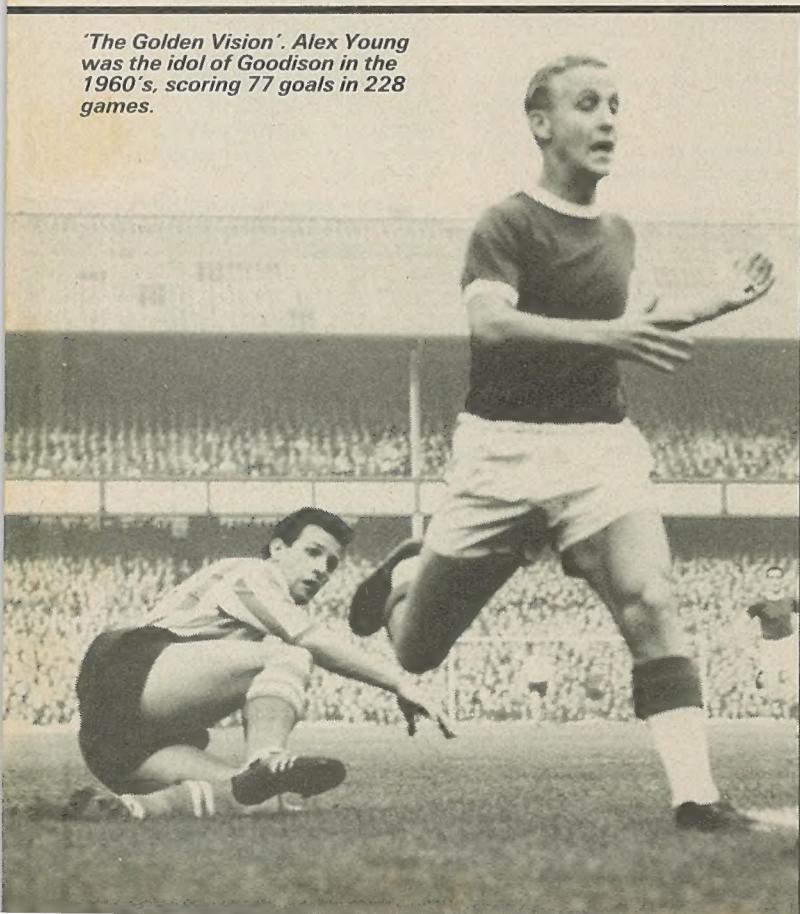
won the competition on only four occasions, in 1906, 1933, 1966 and 1984.

7 Their first opponents in the FA Cup, in season 1886–87, were Glasgow Rangers, and the tie led to Everton being disqualified from the competition after complaints that they had paid seven 'amateurs' to take part.

8 Everton are known as 'The Toffees' or 'The Toffeemen' and it is a tradition for toffee girls to throw sweets into the crowd before home matches. Two local businesses, Mother Noblett's Toffee Shop and Ye Ancient Everton Toffee House, argued over which of them inspired the nickname.

9 The club's badge incorporates what appears to be a single tower. It was in fact the local jailhouse in Everton village in the 19th century, and still stands today.

'The Golden Vision'. Alex Young was the idol of Goodison in the 1960's, scoring 77 goals in 228 games.



Ever so



Joe Royle's bustling style earned him six caps for England.

10 Everton had two players on their books who became members of an elite group of sportsmen to have represented England at both football and cricket. Harry Makepeace, a half-back who made 336 League appearances for Everton, won four England caps and in 1920, aged 40, became the oldest player to score a maiden century, against Australia in Melbourne. Jack Sharp, a right-winger for the club during its formative years, played three Test matches for England against Australia in 1909 and, like Makepeace, struck a century.

11 William Ralph Dean, Everton's greatest goalscorer with 349, hated his nickname 'Dixie.' He was known to his friends as Bill. Dean was only 18 when he joined the club for a £3,000 fee from Tranmere Rovers in 1925 and, during

season 1927–28, he established a goalscoring record that might never be beaten when he plundered 60 First Division goals.

12 The feat was all the more remarkable considering Dean was almost killed in a horrific motorcycle accident two years earlier. His skull and jaw were fractured and doctors feared he wouldn't survive. He died in 1980 aged 73, after watching a Mersey derby match.

13 Dean's replacement in the Everton side was the equally legendary Tommy Lawton, signed from Burnley for £6,500 in 1937.

14 Everton's most-capped player, though, is a Welshman. Kevin Ratcliffe, current skipper of his club and country, has won 40 international caps beating Alan Ball's record of 39

ABOUT CHAMPIONS EVERTON

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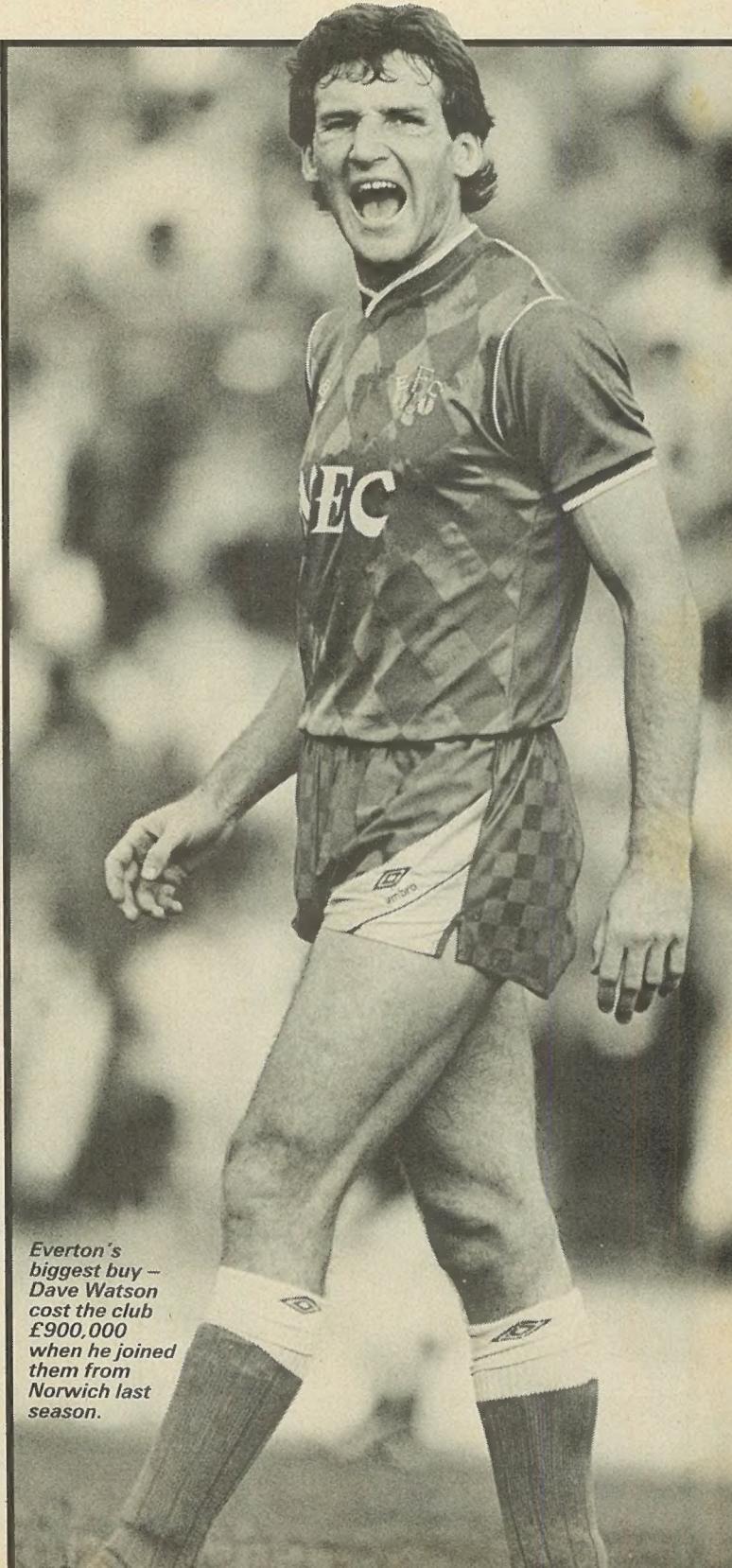
1985-86 season as cover for Neville Southall.

17 Centre-half Dave Watson is Everton's most expensive signing. He joined the club from Norwich City for £900,000 in August 1986. The record transfer fee received by the club was the £2,750,000 Barcelona paid for Gary Lineker six weeks earlier.

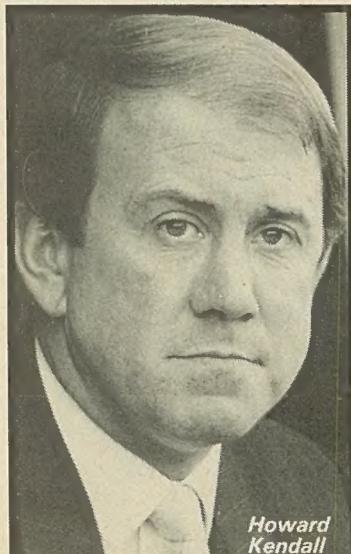
18 Everton's longest serving player was goalkeeper Ted Sagar, who made 463 League appearances for the club over a 22 year period. Sagar made his debut in January 1930 – keeping a clean sheet – and played his last match for the club against Plymouth in November 1952.

19 Howard Kendall is Everton's eighth manager since the Second World War. The others were: Theo Kelly, Cliff Britton, Ian Buchan, Johnny Carey, Harry Catterick, Billy Bingham and Gordon Lee.

20 Two League title triumphs, FA Cup and European Cup-Winners' Cup under Kendall have earned him one of the most attractive salaries among football managers, around £100,000 a year at the end of last season. Yet Kendall, appointed in 1981 after 274 League appearances for the club in the 60's and 70's, was once the victim of a campaign aimed at getting him the sack.



Everton's biggest buy –
Dave Watson cost the club
£900,000 when he joined them from
Norwich last season.



Howard Kendall

as an Evertonian with England.

15 Alex Young is arguably Everton's greatest Scot. Signed from Hearts in 1960 for £40,000, he was known as 'The Golden Vision.' Young netted 77 goals in 228 First Division matches and when former manager Harry Catterick replaced him in a match with a teenager called Joe Royle in 1966, Catterick was assaulted by outraged Everton supporters.

16 Everton had SIX players on their books who went to last summer's World Cup Finals. Gary Lineker, Gary Stevens, Trevor Steven and Peter Reid joined up with the England party after the FA Cup Final, and Graeme Sharp went with Scotland. The sixth? Northern Ireland goalkeeper Pat Jennings, who signed for the club towards the end of the





London's hopes are looking up

*Mitchell Thomas and Richard Gough
combine to clear the danger from
Arsenal's Niall Quinn.*

North London giants Tottenham and Arsenal are set to challenge the mighty Mersey sides Everton and Liverpool as Kings of the First Division.

With players of the calibre of Tony Adams, Alan Smith and Kenny Sansom, Arsenal will be among the favourites for the title this term.

Tottenham, with Clive Allen in deadly form, produced some brilliant football last season as they challenged for League and Cup honours.

If the two clubs can reproduce their top form this time then the 100th League Championship could be heading London's way.